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CHINESE COMMANDER: Crown Prince Fahd Wednesday receives the commander of Nationalist China's Air Force Gen. Yeh Woo. The meeting was attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal.

Bahrain studies messages

Mubarak in Oman

MANAMA, Sept. 26 (SPA) — Bahrain's council of ministers Wednesday reviewed the results of Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's visit Tuesday.

Prince Saud returned to Jeddah Tuesday evening after conveying two verbal messages from King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd to the ruler Sheikh Issa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa.

The messages were said to have dealt with "the fraternal relations between the two countries and latest developments on the Arab scene, in general, and in the Gulf, in particular."

The council was also briefed by Minister of Development and Industry Yusouf Ahmad Al-Shirawi on the Gulf petroleum ministers conference held recently in Taif to discuss the issues which will be taken up at the Gulf-EEC dialogue.

It reviewed a report by the country's foreign minister on the topics to be raised during the current U.N. General Assembly session and the Arab drive to ensure the victory of Arab causes, particularly the Palestinian cause.

The council also discussed an agreement signed between Kuwait and Bahrain to establish a joint venture for the exploitation of natural gas in Bahrain.

Meanwhile, the ruler Sheikh Issa Wednesday received a message from Kuwaiti Ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

The message was handed to Sheikh Issa by acting Minister of Defense and Foreign Affairs Sheikh Salman Al-Sabah.

The Kuwaiti official said that the message dealt with "bilateral relations, current developments in the Gulf and issues of common interest."

Meanwhile Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak arrived in Oman Tuesday night on a two-day visit to demonstrate solidarity with Cairo's sole Gulf ally.

Muscat radio said Mubarak was carrying a message from President Anwar Sadat to Sultan Qaboos.

North Yemen urges new Arab stance

SANA, Sept. 26 (SPA) — North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh has called for a "comprehensive and common Arab strategy to confront Israel."

In an interview with the Gulf News Agency, Lt. Col. Saleh said Tuesday that the Arab states should mobilize all their military, political and economic resources to overcome Israeli intransigence.

He said the U.S.-sponsored Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel were inadequate because they ignored the rights of the Palestinian people.

His remarks came the day before North Yemen — formally the Yemen Arab Republic — celebrated the 17th anniversary of the revolution that overthrew the country's dynasty and established a republic.

Wednesday, on the anniversary of that revolution, Saleh and foreign dignitaries attended a parade and air exhibition staged by the country's armed forces.

The parade was attended by Saudi Labor Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari and other Arab leaders.

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Syria blames U.S. for M.E. tension

DAMASCUS, Sept. 26 (R) — The Syrian government daily newspaper *Tishrin* Wednesday held the United States responsible for the increased tension in the Middle East.

In a leading article, the newspaper said: "No one can argue about the United States responsibility, for had it not been for its huge military aid to Israel, and had it not been for the Camp David agreements (engineered by Washington) and American pressure against the Arabs, the rulers of Israel would not have dared to challenge the United Nations and the world public opinion, or adopt a policy of blackmail."

American statements expressing regrets for the deterioration of the situation in the area deceived no one" as Israeli acts are being committed in agreement with the United States.

The Syrian pilots whose MiG-21s were downed during a dogfight in Lebanese skies with Israeli fighter jets Monday are all safe, the newspaper reported.

Tishrin carried interviews with three of the pilots and pictures of them on its front page. The pilots stressed that they had shot down two Israeli jets, one of them being

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KHALED-HUSSEIN TALKS: King Khaled during talks with Jordan's King Hussein in Geneva Tuesday. King Khaled also Wednesday received Somali Foreign Minister Abdul Rahman Jama Barre. Minister of Defense and Civil Aviation Prince Sultan attended the talks.

Congressional panel defeats cutting U.S. aid to Israel

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 — A congressional subcommittee studying foreign aid appropriations defeated a motion Tuesday that would have cut a "symbolic" 10 percent from Israel's fiscal year 1980 military aid package.

Although the Senate Foreign Operations Subcommittee voted down Sen. Mark O. Hatfield's measure, the Oregon senator said he might introduce an amendment to the appropriations bill when it is presented to the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

No date has been set for the full committee hearing, but a committee spokesman said it "might be within a week."

Hatfield's motion called for trimming some \$65 million from the \$62 million in foreign military sales credits for Israel proposed by the Carter administration. Israel originally requested over \$1 billion in military aid.

Hatfield, who found no company for his proposal among his colleagues at Tuesday's mark-up session on the bill, called his motion a "signal to Israel to indicate that we are worried about the escalation against South Lebanon."

The escalation could "trigger greater

problems in the area," Hatfield added.

Calling Israel's policy of pre-emptive strikes in Lebanon using U.S.-supplied aircraft and weapons "bankrupt and immoral," Hatfield compared the strikes with the United States' incursions into Cambodia during the Vietnam War.

"I appreciate the power of the Israeli lobby," Hatfield noted in verbal banter with fellow committee members. "But Israel's priorities are wrong."

The most outspoken senator against Hatfield's motion was Sen. Dennis DeConcini of Arizona who called the Israeli lobby a "lobby for freedom in the Middle East."

In verbal sparring with Hatfield, DeConcini said: "Israel is fighting an undeclared war for survival. I don't blame Israel for making strikes at targets in Lebanon."

In the area of economic assistance, the subcommittee voted to give Israel some \$780 million in aid. Also, included in the economic aid package is \$750 million for Egypt, \$60 million for Jordan and \$45 million for Syria.

The only discussion of the aid monies centered on the package for Syria.

The escalation could "trigger greater

Lebanon probes missing cargo

Beirut Bureau

BEIRUT, Sept. 26 — Butros Harb, Lebanon's minister of transport and public works, intervened directly in the case of the ship *Betty* the victim of an act of piracy near the Lebanese coast. The ship was carrying goods for Saudi traders estimated at LL 12 million. The minister ordered the Directorate of Transport to submit full report on the case within three days.

Saudi trading houses in Lebanon said that

Al-Rai Al-Aam questioned whether there was "collusion" between the Soviets and the Americans to withhold sophisticated arms from Syria.

Meanwhile a Kuwaiti newspaper editorial Wednesday blamed the inferiority of Soviet-supplied MiGs rather than inability of Syrian pilots for the loss of Syrian planes in battles with Israeli jets.

"Our problem is not in the matter of arms, but rather in the inferior types of weapons the Soviet Union is supplying us with. Compared to the most sophisticated types of weapons the United States is supplying to Israel," said *Al-Rai Al-Aam*.

The newspaper was commenting on Monday's dogfight over Lebanon, during which four Syrian MiG-21s were shot down. Two months ago five Syrian planes were downed in a similar confrontation with Israeli planes.

"By withholding sophisticated arms equivalent to American weapons supplied to Israel, the Soviet Union contributes to the insult and misrepresentation of Arabs as well as the humiliation of the Soviet arms — perhaps the Soviet reputation," the newspaper said.

Underwriters could, however, impose the war risk premium if conditions changed in the area, he added.

Gulf insurance leaders who met Chester told Reuters that the decision to double the 0.025 cent premium on the value of the hulls of ships visiting the Gulf will not be implemented for the moment.

Underwriters could, however, impose the war risk premium if conditions changed in the area, he added.

Gulf insurance leaders who met Chester and other leading underwriters in London on Sept. 13 in an effort to reverse the Lloyds decision have been told of the new position, he said.

Lloyds said at the time that imposing the premium, which should have come into force last month, did not mean Lloyds considered the Gulf a war zone.

Chester said Wednesday a Lloyds meeting on Monday decided against including the Gulf among regions considered war zones but it was up to individual underwriters to decide whether conditions at a certain time warranted a war risk premium.

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Fahd announces

Kingdom to retain higher oil liftings

By Jim Landers

JEDDAH Sept. 26 — Crown Prince Fahd said Wednesday that Saudi Arabia has decided to keep its oil production at 9.5 million barrels per day for the rest of 1979, according to the Saudi Press Agency.

Prince Fahd, who is chairman of the Kingdom's Supreme Petroleum Council, said the current production level would be continued through the fourth quarter of the year because "We feel responsible toward our people, whose interests are linked to those of friendly nations."

"With great interest we are watching market supply and demand and the world economic situation," Prince Fahd told SPA.

The decision marks the third time this year that Saudi Arabia has elected to go over the 8.5 million bpd ceiling established in 1974 for crude oil liftings from the Arabian-American Oil Company's concessions. Aramco's Eastern Province oil fields account for 97 percent of the Kingdom's oil production.

Prince Fahd expressed the hope that the extension of Saudi Arabia's higher production levels would stabilize the world oil market and enable consumers to get through the coming winter with sufficient fuel supplies.

But he also urged the consuming nations to "take the opportunity to take effective measures to reduce consumption and energy waste."

There is growing concern within government circles in the Kingdom that the oil import targets set by the industrialized nations for this year will not be met. The United States, the world's leading oil importer, has established a quota for the year of 8.2 million bpd. The nine members of the Euro-

ARES, the joint U.S.-Saudi group in charge of the projects.

The contract will be worth roughly \$16 million and the Martin Marietta system will be one of the largest components in the program to turn the two villages into "solar villages" using the sun's power alone for energy.

The whole program, an offshoot of Saudi-U.S. Joint Commission agreements will cost \$100 million over the next five years.

Dr. Reda Ubaid, chairman of the SOLARES board, said the solar village project will help scientific research and the development of solar technology in both the Kingdom and the United States.

RIYADH, Sept. 26 — Martin Marietta Corp., of Denver, Colorado, was Tuesday chosen from among 20 bidders to build the experimental solar electric generating plants for two solar villages under construction north of Riyadh.

The project, which will be the world's biggest "photo-voltaic" system, is designed to supply electricity from the sun's rays to Unayna and Jubaila, the two sites where the U.S. and the Kingdom are collaborating on a series of wide-ranging experiments in solar power.

The decision was announced after two days of meetings of the executive board of SOL-



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*After Taif meeting***Gulf states ready to meet EEC, Oteiba says**

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Sept. 26 — United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mane Said Al-Oteiba has said that Gulf countries are ready for a comprehensive dialogue with European countries.

He told *Al-Bilad* in an interview published Wednesday that they were prepared to discuss prospects of cooperation "in economic areas, including some aspects of petrochemical industries, especially those that do not infringe on the sovereignty of Gulf countries over their petroleum resources."

He was clearly referring to the frequently-repeated determination of Gulf countries to move into downstream industrialization, and

the possibility that European and Western states, already flooded by an overcapacity in petrochemical production, may erect higher tariff barriers against Gulf production.

He was echoing what Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani told reporters at the close of the Taif meeting of Gulf oil ministers called to devise a common strategy for a dialogue with EEC countries.

Sheikh Ahmad said that the Gulf states will speak as one at the meeting, and that coordination is to take place over the next few days between Gulf foreign and oil ministers in preparation for the talks.

EEC Energy Commissioner Guido Brunner said last week that

he expected talks to take place by November. The Taif meeting set up a committee to examine common stands among Gulf oil producers.

Oteiba told *Al-Bilad* that in view of their political and economic circumstances, it is imperative for Gulf countries to take a common stand. The existing coordination between the Kingdom and the Emirates in petrochemical industry could serve as a model for other countries to follow.

Sheikh Hisham Nazer, planning minister, has said that both coun-

tries are in agreement that the marketing of planned petrochemical production should be linked to the sale of petroleum.

Oteiba also deplored the exorbitant price of imported industrial goods and the resulting inflation with its adverse effects on oil producers.

"The soaring prices of finished goods bring about the inflation that we all suffer from and have a negative effect on oil proceeds and on the economy of petroleum producing countries," he said.

But despite all this and despite the fact that oil is still underpriced,

this country does not favor sudden and radical petroleum price rises.

In his interview, Oteiba also noted that whereas petroleum producing countries allocated 20 to 40% of their combined national income to foreign aid, industrial countries extended only 0.5 to 2 per cent of theirs.

Oil producing countries consider it as a responsibility to assist other developing countries, but the responsibility was too big for them to shoulder alone, and the big industrialized countries should assume their share of responsibility.

Shell wants at least 300,000 bd**Ethylene plant deal awaits oil link**

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Sept. 26 — The Shell Oil Company (USA) is seeking between 300,000 and 350,000 barrels a day in guaranteed supplies of crude oil as part of its agreement to build a \$ 2 billion petrochemical plant in Jubail.

A company official here told *Arab News* that agreement over that clause in the contract is the only thing remaining before signature of the deal, which Saudi officials have said they expect in two months.

The plant is planned as a joint venture between the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation and Shell. It will have a capacity of 656,000 tons a year of ethylene. Approval

Southern pass project starts

JEDDAH, Sept. 26 — The first phase of the Aqabat Al-Jawa project for building a road 94 kilometers long with 30 tunnels and 52 bridges has begun. It will be finished in four years and will cost SR53 million.

Abdul Rabman Abu Melha, director of the roads department in Asir region told *Al-Riyadh* Wednesday that Jawa is one of the major passes in the South. The Aqabat Shar which links Abha to Mihai has been under construction for two years.

Abu Melha said the second phase of the project will be a road linking Furshah to Fiteha and to the Jizan highway.

has been received from the Public Investment Fund for a loan covering 60 per cent of its cost.

The official said that once SABIC "fills in the blanks" in the deal, Shell is ready to go forward. But until Shell is guaranteed a specific figure for the oil entitlement it is unwilling to move.

He said SABIC has promised an oil entitlement, but has not committed itself to a specific amount.

It had been understood that a formula had been worked out under which foreign joint venture partners with SABIC in seven petrochemical projects and with Petro-rom in three export refineries in Yanbu and Jubail will be entitled to buy 1,000 barrels a day for every \$ 1 million invested in a project's equity.

All ten schemes are to be financed under a system where the Public Investment Fund makes a 60 per cent loan, private lending institutions 10 per cent and the joint venture partners making up the rest.

In the case of the SABIC and Shell plant, that would mean that each would split an investment of \$600 million. Shell's \$300 million investment would entitle it to 300,000 barrels a day of crude, if the reported formula holds.

Interviewed in July by *Saudi Business*, SABIC Vice-Chairman Abdul Aziz Alzamil refused to comment on the reported entitlement formula, saying only that "each entitlement will have a relationship to the (foreign partner's) investment," and that the formula

accepted by the Supreme Petroleum Council will be applied equally to all seven projects under consideration.

The Supreme Petroleum Council, chaired by Crown Prince Fahd, is the Kingdom's top advisory body on all matters relating to oil and gas policy. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal acts as secretary, and the other members are Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil, Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer and Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency Governor Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Quraishi.

Alzamil said in the summer that the formula for oil entitlements was nearly decided by the Supreme Petroleum Council. Clearly, if Shell has not yet had a specific commitment to be written into the ethylene plant contract, no final decision has been reached. In July Alzamil expected agreement by November.

(According to Jeddah Mayor

Muhammad Said Farisi, quoted in *Al-Bilad* earlier this week, that compensation be paid people whose land had been expropriated by the government for development as soon as possible was a result of King Khaled's concern.

Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil said Wednesday that many people owed compensation had complained of delay in its being paid. They went to King Khaled. The King was extremely concerned and asked the Crown Prince to look into the matter personally and solve any problems delaying payment.

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Immediate payment ordered**King's concern spurred compensation**

Some contractors expect the payments to stimulate a sluggish private sector construction business, since at least some of those whose homes were demolished will want to put the money into property.

In Damman meanwhile, the Environment Health Committee held Tuesday its monthly meeting under the chairmanship of General Director of Municipal Affairs in the Eastern Province Abdul Rahman Al-Shahil.

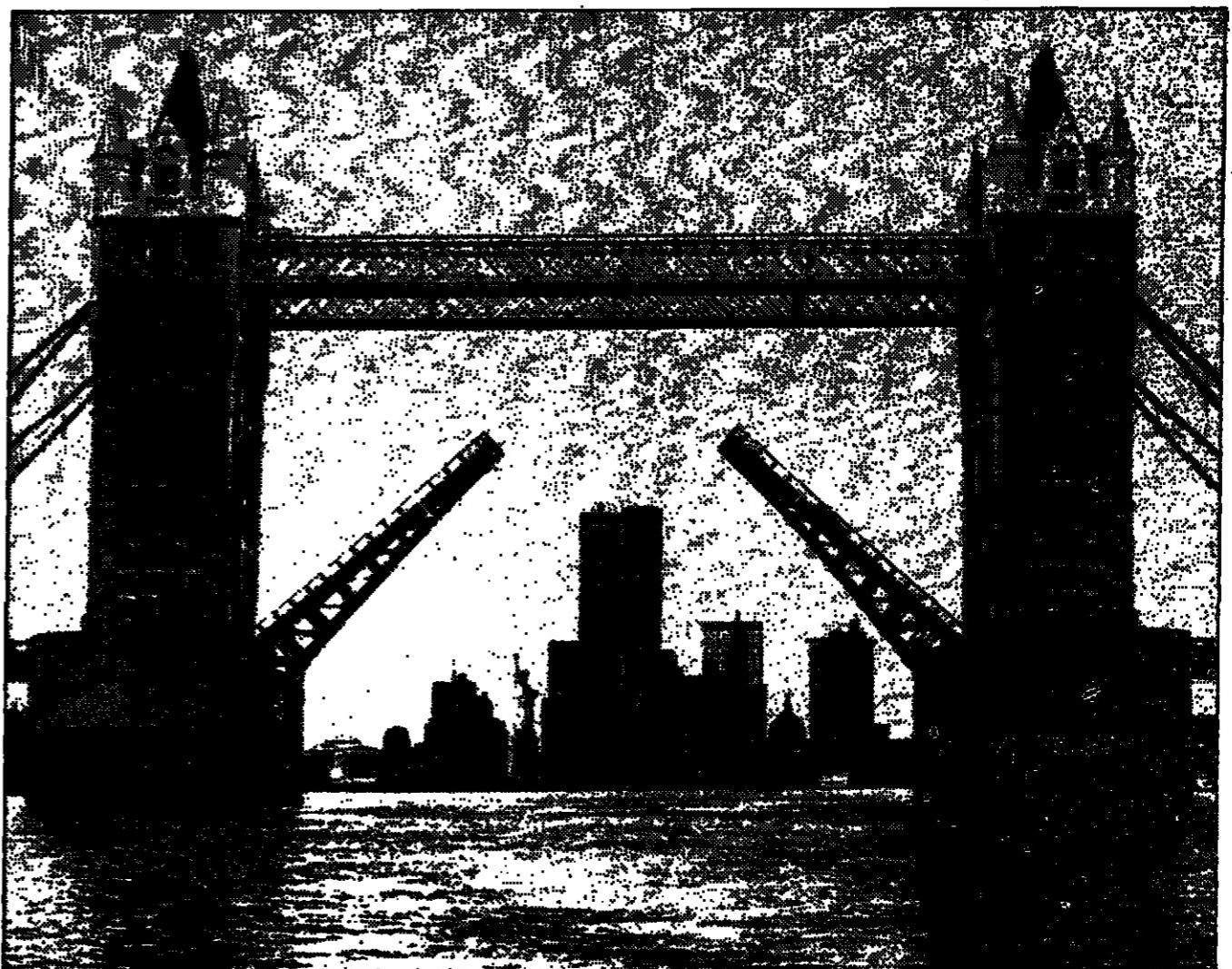
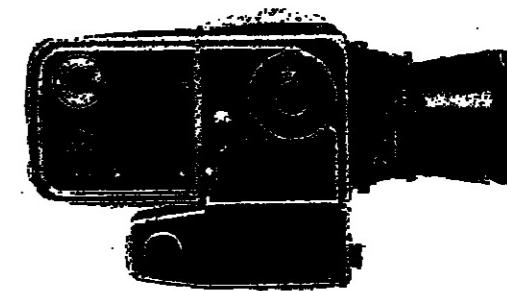
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Harakan appeals for unity against Zionist plotting

JEDDAH, Sept. 26 — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, has called on the Arab and Muslim member states to stand together to face the Zionist conspiracy and its challenges to the Holy Places and the people of occupied Palestine.

He addressed his call to Chadli ibni, the secretary general of the Arab League, on behalf of the General Secretariat of the Mecca-based Muslim World League.

Harakan requested Arab states to reply favorably to the recommendations of the conference held in Mecca of ministers of Pilgrimage and endowments.

Harakan's message to Kibbi, a Muslim World League official told *Al-Jazirah*, contained the text of the ministers' resolutions.

They said that the liberation of Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem and other Islamic Holy Places in occupied Palestine is the responsibility of all Muslims in the world. They should give their money and their lives to liberate them.

The liberation of those places requires the liberation of Palestine. The occupation of the Holy Places is a conspiracy to destroy the Muslim People, to break up the Muslim world, to spread reported and foreign thinking among its people, to isolate its societies and to destroy the Islamic consciousness of the Islamic World.

The conference confirmed the decisions of the Islamic summit in Lahore.

It confirmed the decisions of the Institutional Council of the Muslim World League for 1974 which stipulates that Palestine in its geographic borders is an Islamic and Arab land legally belonging to its people. No one has the right to take one foot of its land and it is the responsibility of Arab and Muslim countries to help as much as they can completely to liberate

Palestine. No one has the right to recognize the Zionist structure or sign peace agreements which interfere with the targets of the Palestinian people of liberating their land.

He called on Islamic countries still maintaining any kind of relations with the Zionist edifice to sever all political and economic relations. They should also reject any Arab sovereignty over Jerusalem.

In other religious news, SPA reported Wednesday that work on a 350 tent pilgrim camp off Khurais Road in Riyadh will begin Oct. 6.

The camp will be provided with police, traffic, health, water inspection, Dawa and guidance and PTT teams.

Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam, who is also the head of the capital's Pilgrimage committee, has ordered all concerned government departments to cooperate with Riyadh Municipality, which will supervise the camp.

The Indonesian Minister of Religious Affairs Gen. Al-Hajj Alim Shah Rako meanwhile arrived here Wednesday on a three day visit.

He has a message for Crown Prince Fahd from President Subarto. He will also hold talks with Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie on cooperation and Indonesian pilgrims.

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(Mohammed Ibrahim)

AWARD : Prince Khaled ibn Abdullah (right) hands over an award to Khaled Jan, the captain of Jeddah's Al-Ahli handball team which came second out of 11 in the Arab Handball Club Championship in Tunisia recently. At a reception Tuesday night in the Kaki Hotel, Prince Khaled, the club's chairman, gave cash prizes to the team and told the players their success had honored Saudi Arabia.

On distribution

Fodder buyers advised

RIYADH, Sept. 26 (SPA) — Deputy Minister of Commerce Yusuf Al-Hamdan Wednesday advised cattle owners and fodder buyers to see their authorized distributors and not the Ministry of Commerce or its branches.

Hamdan said that more than half a million bags of wheat and grain will arrive in two weeks time.

In Dammam, the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the Eastern Province Wednesday received the British

commercial delegation visiting Saudi Arabia.

The delegation represents the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Birmingham. They arrived here Sunday.

A Chinese commercial delegation will arrive here Friday on a four-day visit to the Eastern Province. They will hold talks with Chamber of Commerce and Industry officials and businessmen in the region.

Report finds 900,000 foreign workers here

JEDDAH, Sept. 26 — The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs has prepared a report predicting by the end of the 1975 to 1980 Second Five-year Plan there will be 2,300,000 people in the Saudi workforce. Of those, 900,000 will be foreigners, 500,000 more than at the end of the First Plan.

Quoting from the report, *Al-Jazirah* said Wednesday that the scarcity of manpower is plaguing both the public and the private sectors, and the authorities have been forced to turn their attention toward developing Saudi manpower.

The report apparently points to the concentration of the Second Plan on developing vocational training program, training centers and preliminary industrial training.

The Riyadh Training Institute has been established for this purpose. It has graduated 165 instructors last year. The number of trainees in preliminary industrial training centers has reached 1,115, in addition to 1,300 training on work sites.

The report has said Arab workers from outside the Arabian Peninsula mostly occupy posts of experienced workers, salesmen and agricultural workers.

Westerners are proportionately increasing in technical, scientific and administrative posts while Asians tend to be clerks.

On the foreign elements here, *Al-Jazirah* reported Wednesday only 45 per cent of Jeddah's residents are Saudi.

A survey carried by a specialized firm revealed sixty per cent of them live around the heart of Jeddah, the Balad area.

The report revealed that the average family has just over five members in the Balad area. That is

a little higher than the total average of family members in Jeddah, demonstrating perhaps that fewer unmarried people live in the Balad.

The survey shows that Saudis represent most of the higher income families. Egyptians were found to be unclassifiable.



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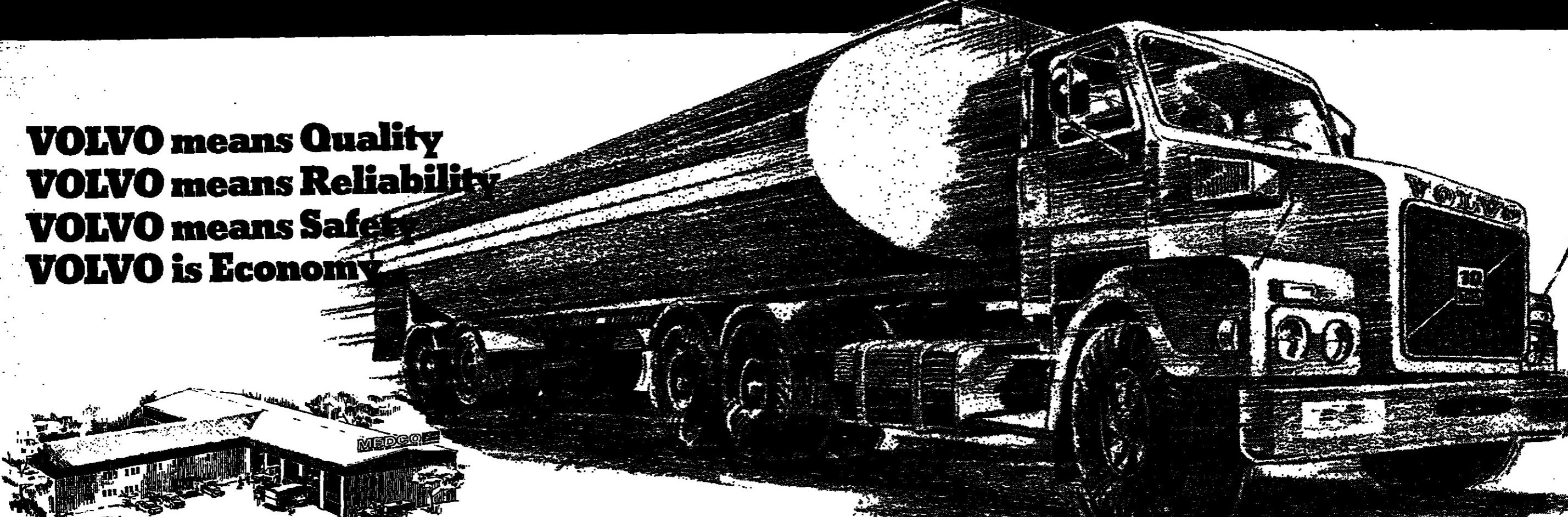
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Arab News today publishes the second series from Kissinger's memoirs, *The White House Days*. Excerpts of the memoirs on the Middle East will appear in this newspaper twice a week; on Thursday and Sunday. Readers are also reminded of the importance of role the American civil servant has had played in the region's history, although the Arabs do not condone his policies.

The roles of outside powers were almost as complex as those of the principal actors. The Soviet Union acted as advocate of the Arab cause; it espoused Arab proposals and offered no hint of possible compromise. The West European countries were torn between their impotence and their premonition of the economic dangers of another conflict. The most active, de Gaulle's France, in effect embraced the Arab position after the Six Day War. As for the United States, President Johnson in a speech on June 19, 1967, sought to navigate the reefs of controversy by avoiding any precision; in his discussion of borders, recognition, and maritime rights foreshadowed what later became the mystical ambiguities of Resolution 242. Egypt, together with other Arab states, had broken diplomatic relations with the United States in the aftermath of the 1967 war. We were thus without senior diplomats in the capitals of the key Arab countries, which nevertheless demanded our help in the negotiating process. Nasser insisted that we pressure Israel in his behalf, holding out in return the prospect of restoring diplomatic relations with us. Why we should pay a price for the restoration of relations which he had cut off under a totally false pretext was never made clear. We had all the less incentive to do so as long as his policy continued to rely on Soviet support and catered to radical passions throughout the Arab world.

I had always believed it essential to reduce the scope of Soviet adventurist policies in the Middle East. For that reason the United States performance in the Suez crisis of 1956 had struck me as deplorable. We should have understood that our sudden withdrawal of financial support for Egypt's Aswan High Dam would be the beginning, not the end, of a crisis. And the crisis when it occurred was in my view mishandled. Whatever one's view of the wisdom of the British and French military action, I was convinced that we would pay heavily in the years ahead for shortsighted playing to the gallery. I did not think that manhandling our closest allies would achieve the lasting gratitude of Nasser or those who admired him; on the contrary, he would probably be confirmed in a course fundamentally inimical to Western interests. The moderate regimes buttressed by British power and prestige, especially in Iraq, were likely to be weakened if not doomed by what they could only see as our siding with the radical elements exemplified by Nasser. Britain and France, their self-confidence and sense of global relevance shattered, would hasten to shed their remaining

international responsibilities. The realities of power would then impel us to fill the resulting vacuum in the Middle East and cast of Suez and so take on our own shoulders all the moral onus of difficult geopolitical decisions.

When I reached high office, however, my ability to implement my views on my position on Middle East policy differed from other issues. On other topics Nixon would listen to the agencies for a while and then act from the White House; thus my office assumed constantly growing responsibilities. But in the Middle East the President made distinction between my planning and my operational functions. I was allowed to plan, to warn, to delay; I could force deliberations into the NSC framework — but until the end of 1971 I was not permitted to conduct diplomacy except in rare periods of acute crisis such as the Syrian invasion of Jordan in September 1970.

The two main reasons for this, in my view, were Nixon's ambivalent relationship with Secretary of State Rogers and his assessment of the domestic liabilities on an active Middle East policy.

Because Nixon's distrust of the State Department thrust me forward and inevitably embarrassed and frustrated Rogers, Nixon constantly sought means to comfort his old friend. One was to reserve some area of foreign policy for Rogers's predominant influence.

But what Nixon gave with one hand he tended to take away with the other. The areas he did not mind consigning were those where success seemed elusive, such as Africa, or those where the risks of domestic reaction were high. The Middle East met both of Nixon's criteria. He calculated that almost any active policy would fail; in addition, it would almost certainly incur the wrath of Israel's supporters. So he found it useful to get the White House, as much out of the direct line of fire as possible.

He also suspected that my Jewish origin might cause me to lean too much toward Israel. And, like other Presidents, he was not above feeding the rivalry inherent (despite the ritualistic protestations to the contrary) between the offices of Secretary of State and security adviser in order to enhance his own control.

There was a further personality reason for the relatively more active role of the State Department in the Middle East, and it lay in the character of the Assistant Secretary who was appointed to head its bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. Intense, gregarious, occasionally frenetic, Joseph Sisco was not a conventional Foreign Service Officer. He had never served overseas; only



Kissinger and Secretary of State William Rogers in early 1969.

reported as 234 dead and 765 wounded among military personnel and 47 dead and 330 wounded among civilians — a staggering total for a country with a population of 2.5 million, equivalent to over 20,000 dead and 100,000 wounded for a nation the size of America. Israel retaliated by air bases in Jordan; it staged a major attack against the Beirut international airport on December 28, 1968; and artillery duels across the Suez Canal were a regular occurrence.

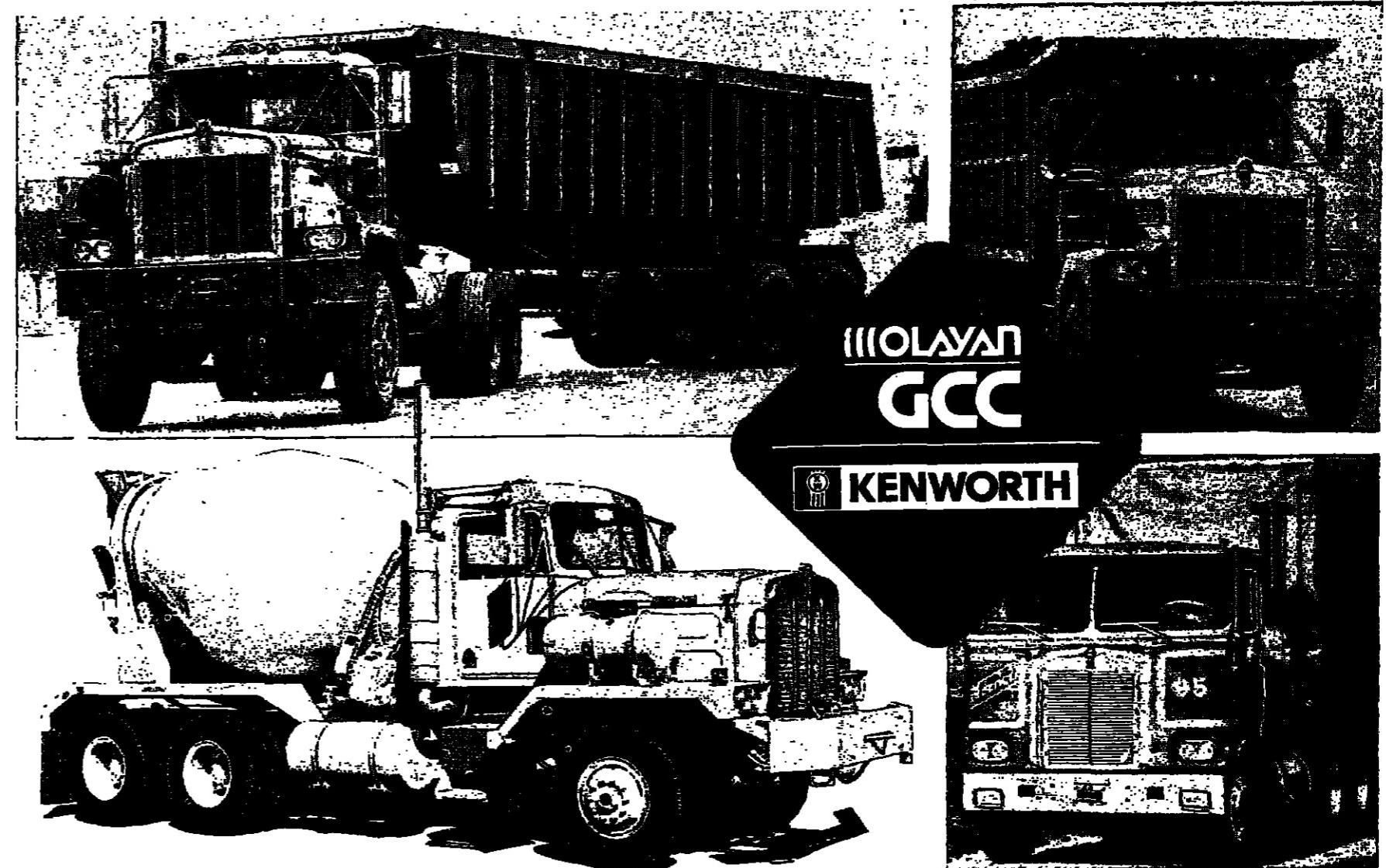
There was no shortage of invitations for American diplomatic involvement. Two in particular were awaiting the new Adminis

ration: On December 30 the Soviets had suggested a peace plan to implement Resolution 242; it reflected the Arab demand for total Israeli withdrawal and a definition of peace so minimal as to be an obvious nonstarter. On January 16, 1969, France proposed Four-Power consultations on the Middle East — among the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, and France.

At our NSC meeting on February 1 we had to respond to these initiatives and basically decide whether to depart from the low-profile policy that had characterized the Johnson years. It rapidly became clear that the State Department was eager to launch an American initiative. What objective or strategy this involvement should serve would be left to emerge in negotiation. State believed that it was our responsibility to help bridge the gap between the parties and point them toward compromise under Jarring. Moreover, since the fighting was intensifying, so the argument ran, we could not afford to appear indifferent. All the parties in the area professed to believe that the United States held the key to a settlement; hence, the Department argued, we should indeed involve ourselves actively. It was hoped that common ground could probably be achieved among the parties as well as among the outside powers by the sheer momentum of the negotiating process. As for the Soviet problem, the Department contended that since Moscow seemed to gain by exploiting the tensions of the area, a peace settlement was bound to frustrate its strategy. At a minimum such a course would test Soviet intentions. (To be continued Sunday)

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HOPE IN LEBANON

The United States has at last firmly committed itself to work towards ending the continuing tragedy of South Lebanon. But it has to realize that no positive outcome is to be expected unless the wider underlying causes are taken into account. It has also to realize that the Palestine Liberation Organization has to be brought into any agreement over decreasing tensions in that area.

Cyrus Vance's words before the United Nations reflect Washington's growing alarm at the threat to Middle East and world peace posed by Israel's constant escalation of its aggression. It appreciates that its economic and political interests in the area as a whole will be in the line of fire once aggression turns into outright war.

America's negative attitude to many of the area's basic needs, it must be admitted, has been accompanied by a somewhat more resolute stand on the question of South Lebanon. That outright war has not yet broken out there, that the Litani waters are still not forcibly diverted, must be in some measure due to America's curbs on Israel's ambitions.

Before Vance's statement on South Lebanon, there was Robert Strauss's call for a diplomatic offensive for a settlement there. Taken together, the two views allow one to infer that a concrete attempt at a settlement is already under way; that proposals have been made to the parties involved, and that their answers are awaited.

This in turn could explain Israel's present round of military and verbal escalation, aiming at preempting any proposed solution. It is obvious the Israelis are doing their utmost now to drag Syria into an all out confrontation.

The present round of meetings in Damascus and Beirut, aiming at finding a unified Syrian, Lebanese and Palestinian approach is to be welcomed as a step in the right direction. But the agreement of the Arab side directly involved has to find context firstly in a unified Arab stand, and then in an internationally agreed framework for peace in that area.

A cautious move for equal rights

By Carlyle Murphy

JOHANNESBURG —

A bold and unexpected approach to South Africa's troubled race relations is threatening to bring Prime Minister Pieter W. Botha more political trouble than the country's worst governmental scandal, which plagued the first six months of his administration.

The trouble is coming from the right wing of Botha's ruling National Party and white ultraconservative groups increasingly unhappy with his conciliatory, mildly reformist response to the demands of the country's black majority.

It is a policy that is putting Botha in double jeopardy. Already, observers here say, it has raised expectations among blacks that, if unfulfilled, could result in worse relations between the races than before.

Botha has launched a massive public relations effort to promote better race relations and make reform fashionable, but he has been vague on details of specific changes he intends to make.

So far, he has given his minister for black affairs, Piet Koomhof support for attempts to bridge the gulf of alienation between black leaders and the government. Botha also has initiated some reform in the country's labor laws to give, for example, legal status to black unions. Government officials have indicated privately that there are more piecemeal reforms of this nature to come.

Since Botha initiated the policy after succeeding John Vorster as prime minister a year ago, Botha has steadfastly refused to back down under growing pressure from the right wing.

Because of this stand, some observers feel, Botha may witness the emergence of the ultraconservatives as a political force rather than the mere nuisance they have been until now. Many government supporters already have registered their displeasure with Botha's policy by staying away from the polls in three recent by-elections, while others gave their votes to the ultraconservative Herstigte (purified) National Party. The party has no seats in Parliament now, but appears to be gaining support.

The right-wing backlash indicates just how difficult meaningful change is going to be in South Africa, where for the last 30 years whites have been brought up on the National Party's propaganda that the system of racial separation called apartheid was the solution to this country's race problem.

Meanwhile, some black leaders are cautiously giving Botha credit for his new approach. But they remain largely unenthusiastic about his program because it fails short of offering a lasting solution to South Africa's core political problem — the whites' resistance to black demands for majority rule.

So far, Botha's campaign has centered on jolting whites out of their complacency and convincing them that they must change if they are to survive in a country where they are outnumbered by blacks five to one.

"We must adapt or die," Botha told startled followers at a recent rally. He became the first white leader to warn publicly that "revolution is not a remote possibility" in South Africa.

"It can only be averted if the government looks at the interest of all population groups and not just the whites," he added. "We can go into the future only with a message of love rather than of hate," he told party followers.

That was an unusual message from a man who, when he succeeded Vorster last Sept. 28, brought to the job a hawkish image as minister of defense, a post he still holds.

To emphasize his plea for more understanding between black and white, Botha recently toured the eight homelands or reserves that the government has set aside for blacks and the sullen all-black township of Soweto, where clashes three years ago between demonstrating students and police left hundreds dead.

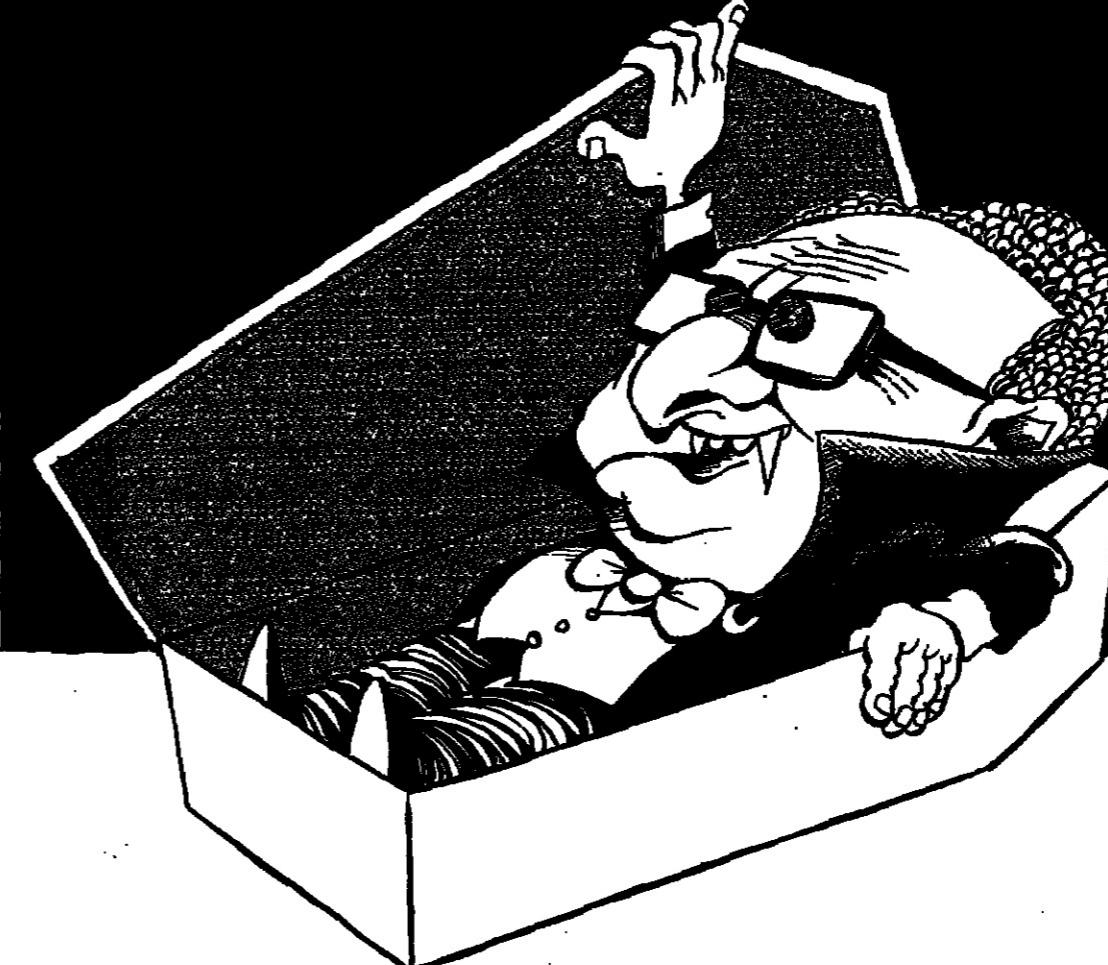
As a test of the Botha administration's sincerity, blacks will be closely watching how it reacts to a move by Soweto's popular leader Nthato Motlana. The black physician recently laid a formal charge of defamation against a white mining union chief who told a newspaper that "blacks were like baboons."

The incident illustrates how Botha's new approach has put him in a bind. If authorities prosecute the right-wing labor leader, Arrie Paulus, who already has criticized the government for dropping restrictions that kept blacks out of certain jobs, Botha may face a crescendo of criticism from the right. If Paulus is not prosecuted, blacks will wonder what Botha's talk of love and reconciliation is all about.

Behind Botha's reformist direction lie some key differences in perception between himself and Vorster.

"Vorster scoffed at the idea of revolution in South Africa," said one white reporter. "Even after (the disturbances in) Soweto, he said it was an isolated incident."

Besides recognizing the real danger of black discontent at home, Botha has realized that, as he put it, "there is a relationship between South Africa's domestic policies and its international strategic option." He warned that wars and revolution would "put our security forces before an impossible task." (WFP)



New opportunities for the Palestinians

By Michael Adams

During the next three months there are going to be discussions in all sorts of places and at all sorts of levels on the future of the Palestinians and the bearing this has on the wider question of a political settlement in the Middle East.

I am not thinking only of the new session of the United Nations General Assembly which opened in New York on September 18, where the Palestinian question is certainly going to be one of the principal issues debated. The United Nations provides, of course, the most important forum for the discussion of this or any other international issue. Ever since the General Assembly, just five years ago (on September 21st 1974), voted to include the Palestine question on its agenda for the first time since 1948, and followed this up by inviting Yasser Arafat to address the assembly in his capacity as chairman of the PLO, the international approach to the future of Palestine has gradually become a more realistic one. The debate now in progress is likely to see further movement towards the implementation of the rights of the Palestinians.

But to put it in those terms is to remind ourselves of how painfully slow the progress has been at the United Nations. It is not surprising that people become cynical about the value of an organization whose functioning depends on bargaining between rival interests and which in any case lacks the machinery to enforce its decisions. All the more reason, therefore, to take advantage of any other opportunities which present themselves to influence opinion in the outside world — for it is public opinion that in the end is going to influence the way governments vote at the United Nations. This is a game that Israel has been to play very skillfully in the past, but now the climate of world opinion is swinging decisively in favor of the Palestinians. And there will be several opportunities for the Palestinians and their supporters to take advantage of this change between now and the end of the year, at a number of international conferences and seminars which have been organized in different Western countries.

The first of these takes place this week in Rome, where an all-party Italian committee has organized a conference from the 24th to 26th September on the national rights of the Palestinians and peace in the Middle East. Delegates have been invited from many European countries and from all over the Arab world — including the occupied West Bank and Gaza. The organizing committee has also invited Israelis who have publicly supported the rights of the Palestinians.

Immediately after that, from September 28-30, there is to be an 'International Press Seminar' here in London to discuss the *Arab Image in Western Mass Media*. The chairman of the sessions will be Lord Caradon, formerly Britain's chief representative at the United Nations, and Frank Rogers, who is Chairman of the British section of the International Press Institute. A number of leading newspapermen and academics from the United States, Europe and the Arab world will present papers on different aspects of the subject and at a dinner on the Saturday night the chief speaker will be the former prime minister of Britain, Edward Heath, whose topic will be: 'The European Mass Media and the Middle East — what can the West do?'

Finally — and I believe this may prove the most useful of all — a large-scale congress or seminar is being organized to take place in Washington from October 26-28, at which, if all goes well, Israeli and Palestinian participants, including Knesset members and representatives of the PLO, should meet each other in what might be thought of as a kind of dress rehearsal for the conference which one day must decide their future relationship. The organisers of this meeting are the *New Outlook* group in Israel, who for many years have urged through their journal of the same name, that the security of Israel could best be ensured by giving proper consideration to the legitimate rights of the Palestinians. The fact that the congress will be held in Washington, with a large number of Americans (and other outsiders) taking part, should give it an added importance at this moment when the excitement aroused by the resignation of Andrew Young has led to much more frank discussion in the United States about the proper attitude for Americans to adopt towards the solution of the Palestine problem.

There is surely a tremendous opportunity here for the Palestinians. All these gatherings will be international and they will be attended, not by officials who are restricted by the limitations of government policy, but by well-informed and generally sympathetic people who can speak as individuals. What most of them will want is to see the Palestinians breaking through the last of the barriers which have prevented them from achieving their proper objective of self-determination and independence. They will be wanting to help the Palestinians — but they will also be wanting the Palestinians to help them. And what they will be looking for is a clear and unequivocal statement of Palestinian aims.

Now, we all understand why the Palestinians are wary, why they hesitate to play their own cards until they see what cards their opponents are prepared to play. But is there

any advantage in further delay, now that their position is in fact well known — even if it has not been officially proclaimed? The only remaining argument that the Israeli government is able to use in refusing to negotiate with the PLO is that the PLO aims at "the destruction of Israel." Using that argument, Israel has browbeaten the United States ever since 1974 into vetoing every proposal for a just solution of the Palestine question. A clear statement from the PLO that it is prepared to settle for an independent West Bank state living alongside the state of Israel would cut the ground from under the feet of Mr. Begin's government. It would give added — perhaps decisive — strength to the tide which is already running so strongly throughout the West in favor of recognition of the PLO and of the Palestinian right to self-determination.

Of course such a statement would not solve every problem or achieve an immediate result. And of course it would have to be accompanied by an equally firm statement of the conditions which must be fulfilled: complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories including East Jerusalem, the dismantling of the Israeli settlements, the right of the Palestinians whose homes are in Israel to return or to receive compensation — and so on. What would be lost by such a statement, now that Chancellor Kreisky of Austria, Congressman Findley of the United States and half a dozen others have announced that this is what spokesman for the PLO have told them in private?

Think rather what would have been gained. The Palestinians would have seized the initiative, instead of always reacting to the initiatives of others. They would have demolished the only valid argument which the Israelis are able to use against the acceptance of Palestinian self-determination. To the sympathy of those who already support them wholeheartedly the Palestinians would have added that of millions of Americans (and many Europeans too) who want to give reality to the rights of the Palestinians but who are held back by sincere doubts about the morality of abandoning Israel to possible "destruction."

We have all been through this debate before and I know only too well the arguments against what I am proposing. But in politics, as in any department of human affairs, a vital skill consists in recognising the right moment to change one's position in response to changing circumstances. Perhaps that moment has come for the Palestinians ... As Shakespeare wrote:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries."

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dan and Lebanon into a war of its own choosing and timing. The strategic objective is to divert Arab attention from a peaceful approach to the problem, especially in view of the recent diplomatic successes for the Arab point of view. "Nevertheless," the paper said "the Arabs should be ready for war if one is imposed on them."

Otak commented on the same subject and said Israel's policy in the area is a policy of trying to attain military superiority in the region. "This is at variance with their claims that they seek a peaceful solution." It blamed the Camp David accords for the increased Israeli arrogance.

Al-Nadwa called on the rulers of the Gulf states to close their ranks and work together in the face of any hazards facing the region.



Reflecting the mounting tension between Syria and Israel, most papers Wednesday led with the alert by Syrian armed forces and the meeting between President Sarkis of Lebanon and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. They said the two men reached an agreement on what should be done in the country.

Al-Madina front page King Hussein's address to the United Nations and his demand for an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories as a condition for a peaceful settlement in the region. He was quoted as saying that Egypt had fallen into trap set up by Israel.

Al-Bilad led with an interview with the UAE's minister of oil, Dr. Oteiba was quoted as saying that if the consumer states do not cut back on consumption the producers will have to raise prices in

order to persuade them to do so. Besides, he said, a price hike would discourage waste, save oil for the coming generations and strike a fair balance between demand and supply.

In a frontpage editorial on official American reaction to Israeli raids in Southern Lebanon *Al-Riyadh* said: "After every attack on southern Lebanon the official spokesman of the State Department Tom Reston speaks up to say one of a number of familiar statements. They include: 'We are not sure yet if the arms used are of American manufacture. We did not sell any arms to Israel to be used against the Arabs but only against the Palestinians or for self-defense. We are sorry for what happened. We urge self-restraint'. Finally he also reminds everybody of the gravity of the situation. It said it would be better if he

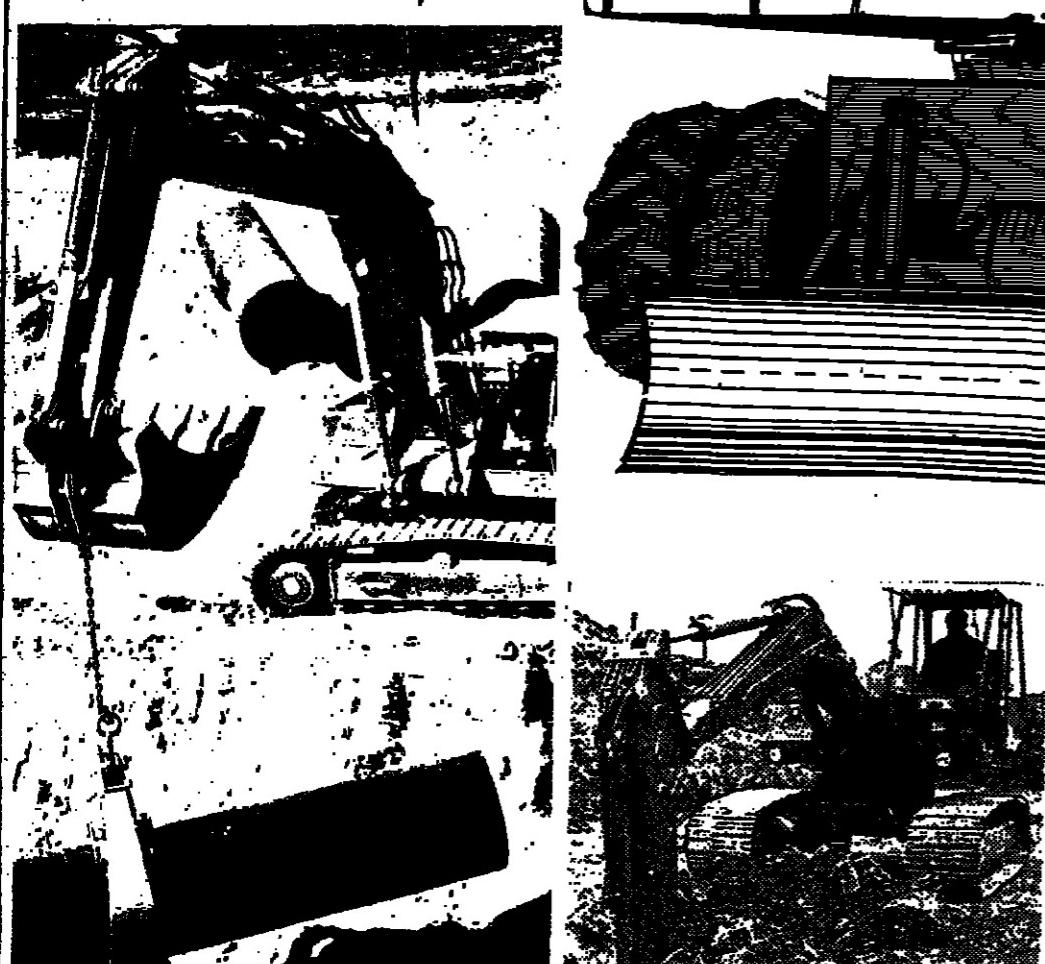
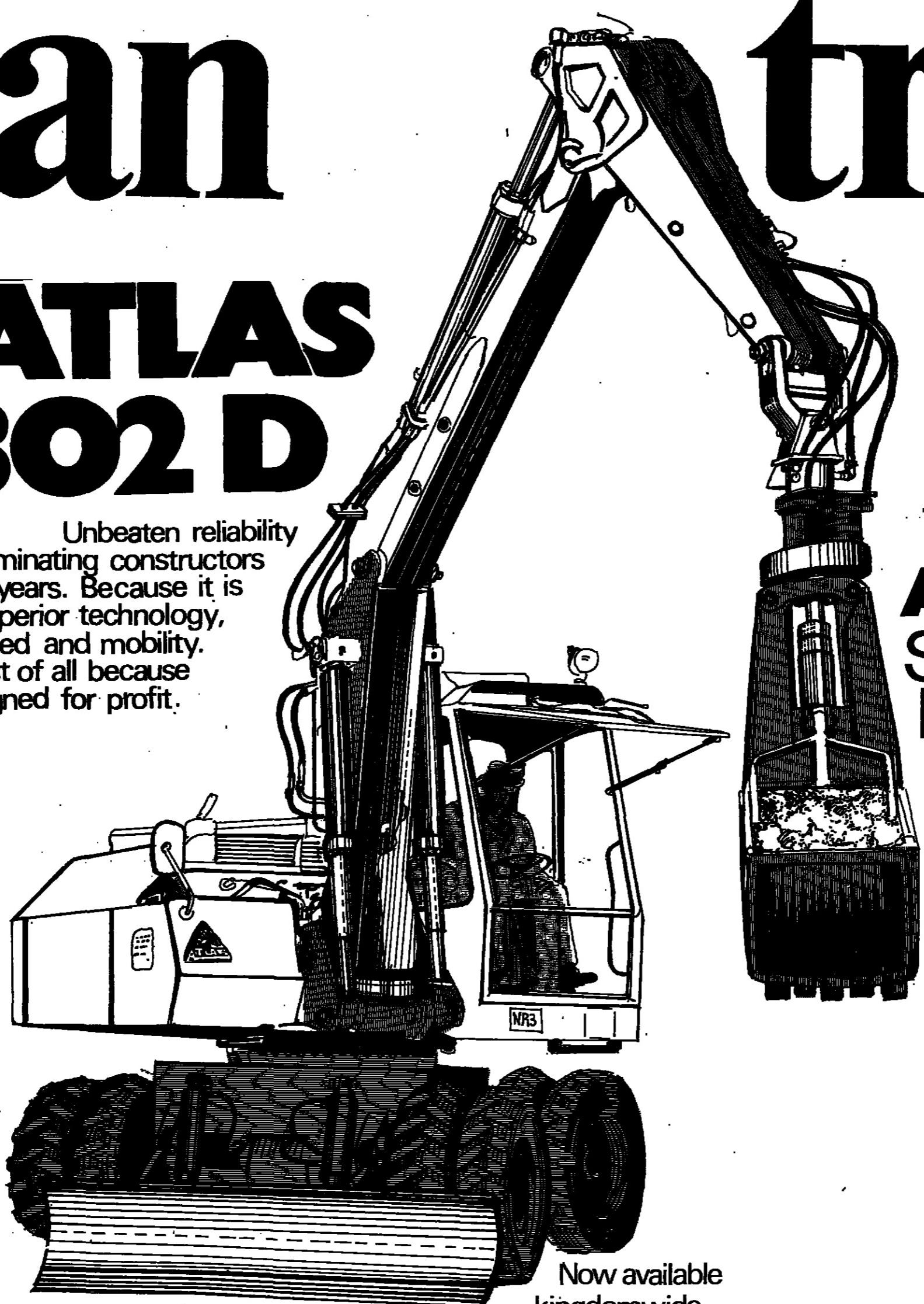
"just shuts up instead of glossing over the facts," because he is deceiving nobody. "And if, according to him, America has nothing to do with the Israeli attacks, then who has the devil?" *Al-Madina*'s editorial dealt with the anniversary of the Yemeni revolution and paid tribute to the fighting spirit of the people which enabled them to combat various kinds of invaders and some of the most adverse conditions of life. It said that the achievements of the people since the revolution are remarkable and worthy of admiration.

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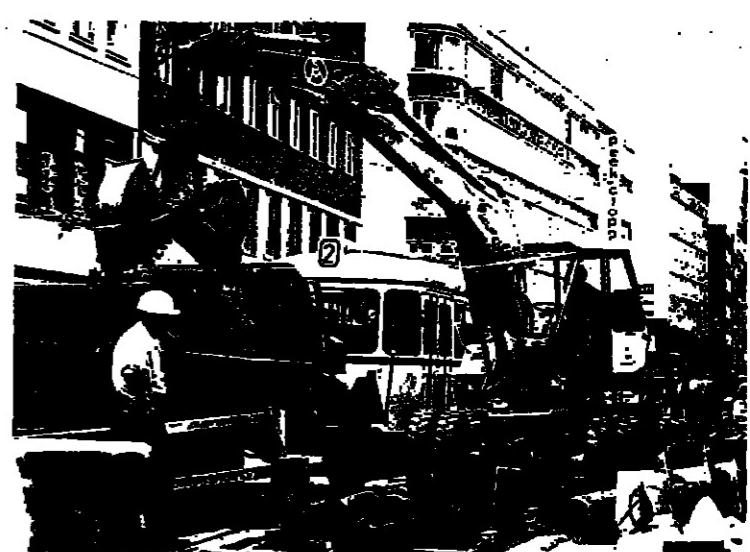
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Over gaffes by Dacko

Paris embarrassed after coup in Bangui

PARIS, Sept. 26 (R) — The saga of the Central African Republic is turning into a diplomatic nightmare for France as each day brings its crop of indiscretions by the new regime and reminders of the horrors of the old.

It was bad enough when President David Dacko let slip to correspondents that he flew into Bangui in a French military aircraft on the day of the coup that overthrew Emperor Bokassa.

Dacko followed this up with radio announcements that Bokassa had been condemned to death in his absence for murders and other crimes committed in 14 years of despotic rule.

"Hardenly an auspicious beginning in French eyes for a leader who wants to restore democracy and the rule of law, and has to live down the fact that he was the fallen emperor's adviser."

Then at one of his many news conferences, the 49-year-old president committed gaffe number three, the expressed willingness to establish diplomatic relations with South Africa.

Commentators harped on the dependence of the corrupt Bokassa regime on French patronage, and recalled the bizarre episode of Bokassa's Napoleonic coronation in 1977, as well as his hospitality to Giscard on a hunting expedition last year.

"You must understand, after all we have been through under Bokassa, we must now relax. All that was a joke," he told reporters.

The news stories tumbling out of the teleprinters from Bangui caused consternation in Paris. "That denial was perhaps unfortunately expressed," said one senior official, taking refuge in understatement.

"Ever since Bokassa came to power in 1966 and particularly in the last five years, he enjoyed immense indulgence and a strange understanding on the part of the

French authorities," wrote an editorialist in the normally pro-government *Le Figaro*.

The downfall of Bokassa was studded with problems for France. First his Caravelle jet appeared unannounced in French air space and had to be allowed to stay three nights on an air force base while Paris feverishly sought some other haven for one of the most hated tyrants of Africa. In the end Ivory Coast accepted him.

Despite Bokassa's service in the French colonial army and his claims to French citizenship, the French government denied that right, fearing that it might be forced to put him on trial.

Against Giscard's doctrine of "Africa for the Africans" the French were obliged to put 1,000 troops into Bangui with the task of preventing a complete breakdown of law and order.

To compound embarrassment at an action that smacked of a by-gone colonial age, Dacko said at a news conference that he was prepared to keep French soldiers in the republic for 10 years.

Coupled with the bloomer on South Africa, such an assertion, was hardly likely to appeal to neighboring African countries, which would regard this as a smear on their dignity and independence.

The evening newspaper *Le Monde* devoted a front page article to a catalogue of presidential statements on Africa in the light of the coup in Bangui.

Le Monde recalled a speech in Cameroun earlier this year, in which Giscard said "We must bring to African countries a type of aid which corresponds, not to past memories, but to the call of the future."

Ordinary French people who happened to pause outside the base at Eureux west of Paris where Bokassa spent last weekend were quick to voice their disgust at the former emperor.

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DEFECTORS: Former Soviet Olympic and world skating champions Oleg Protopopov (left) and Lyudmila Belousova, shown in a 1969 picture, have defected and asked for political asylum in Switzerland. The whereabouts of the couple have been kept secret as their request is being considered by the Swiss government.

Berne hushes up whereabouts of defecting Soviet sport stars

BERNE, Sept. 26 (Agencies) — Soviet figure skating stars Oleg Protopopov and his wife Lyudmila Belousova have kept discreetly out of sight as Swiss authorities consider their application for political asylum.

A justice and Police Ministry spokesman refused Tuesday to disclose where the former world and Olympic pairs champions were staying, and said it could be several weeks before Berne announced its decision.

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topopov, 47, and Belousova whether they wanted to speak to newsmen about their defection, but the ministry would not arrange any public appearance for them.

The government said Monday that the couple applied last week for asylum through a police station somewhere in East Switzerland after performing in ice-skating demonstration shows in the towns of Aarau and Zug.

Swiss ice skating instructor Kurt Soening, at whose home in Weggis near Lucerne the couple stayed before defecting, told reporters they had 10 suitcases with them when they arrived at Zurich's Kloten Airport last August 22.

"I jokingly asked them if they had brought all the Soviet gold reserves. He had a video-recorded and she had a sewing machine. I could hardly get all the luggage in my car," Soening told the Zurich newspaper *Tages-Anzeiger*. Soening, a former Swiss figure skating champion, said that Monday last week the couple went to a dinner invitation at some friends in Thalwil, northeast of Lucerne.

"Later that evening two taxis came for them in Thalwil and took them off to an unknown destination," he added.

The skaters' defection followed shortly after three Bolshoi Ballet dancers quit the company during a United States tour to seek asylum there.

In Moscow, however, the Soviet Union's top cultural newspaper declared Tuesday that the Bolshoi ballet's tour was a "great success," referring only obliquely to the defections.

In the first Soviet summary of the tour, Vladimir Matyash wrote for the newspaper *Sovetskaya Kultura* that the troupe "gave a worthy demonstration of Soviet culture."

"Unfortunately," he added, "there were also certain figures in the U.S.A. — did not from artistic circles — that tried to use the tour of the glorious ballet toward absolutely contradictory ends and did not stop at blatant provocations — which, of course, can in no way further the cause of cultural exchange."

Nigerians to restart civil rule on Oct. 1

ACCRA, Sept. 26 (R) — The army in Nigeria has begun disengaging itself from administration of the country's 19 states in preparation for a return to barracks next Monday Oct. 1 the Ghana news agency said Wednesday.

In a report from Lagos the agency said military administrators had handed over their duties to the new state governors and were handing over power to their civilian deputies.

The deputies will make the actual transfer of power when Nigeria, Africa's most populous and richest black nation, returns to civilian rule after more than 13 years of military government.

The main ceremony will take place at the Tafawa Balewa Square in central Lagos — named after the country's last civilian prime minister, abubakar Tafawa Balewa, who was killed when the military seized power in January 1966.

Military head of state, Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo — the third officer to head the federal government — will hand over power to the executive president-elect.

Alhaji Shehu Shagari was declared winner of the presidential election held last July, but his election is being challenged in the supreme court.

The appeal has been filed by Chief Obafemi Awolowo, runner-up in the election, with the backing of two other defeated presidential candidates, the agency said.

Shagari's National Nigerian Party (NNP) emerged as the single largest political party in elections to both the House Representatives and the Senate.

A seminar is being held in Lagos for governors in the "state of the nation". The seminar will be addressed by Obasanjo and army commander Lt. Gen. Theophilus Danjuma.

Obasanjo and five other senior military officers have announced their intention to retire from the armed forces after the return to civilian rule.

In preparation for the handing-over ceremony, contingents of the armed forces and schoolchildren have been holding dress rehearsals and the capital and regional centers are being decorated with flags.

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Rhoodie testifies Vorster applied no spending rules

PRETORIA, Sept. 26 (AP) — Eschel Rhoodie, the former information department chief who ran a secret campaign to improve South Africa's image abroad, has testified that then-Prime Minister John Vorster told him no rules would apply to his work.

Rhoodie, charged with fraud in the handling of some of the millions of dollars allocated to the campaign, said Tuesday, "... I asked Mr. Vorster: 'Do I understand you correctly that in this campaign no rules or regulations will apply?' And I also asked him: 'Do I understand you correctly that I can, for example, influence journalists by buying their wives, fur coats, or that I could pay the fare for a journalist's girlfriend to Hawaii, for example?' and the prime minister's reply was in the affirmative."

Vorster, who became president before what is now called the Muldergate scandal broke, resigned under pressure when an investigating commission decided he had tried to cover up his role in the propaganda war.

Rhoodie's lawyer asked Rhoodie Tuesday whether he had used the all-out methods he had discussed with Vorster. Rhoodie said, "Yes, I did."

The lawyer also asked him whether he committed irregularities and Rhoodie said, "I did. I had to commit irregularities."

His initial testimony provided no major surprises, and at this stage appeared no threat to the government of Prime Minister P.W. Botha. Rhoodie had claimed his testimony would prove Botha was deeply involved in the propaganda war despite Botha's repeated denials.

Botha served as defense minister under Vorster.

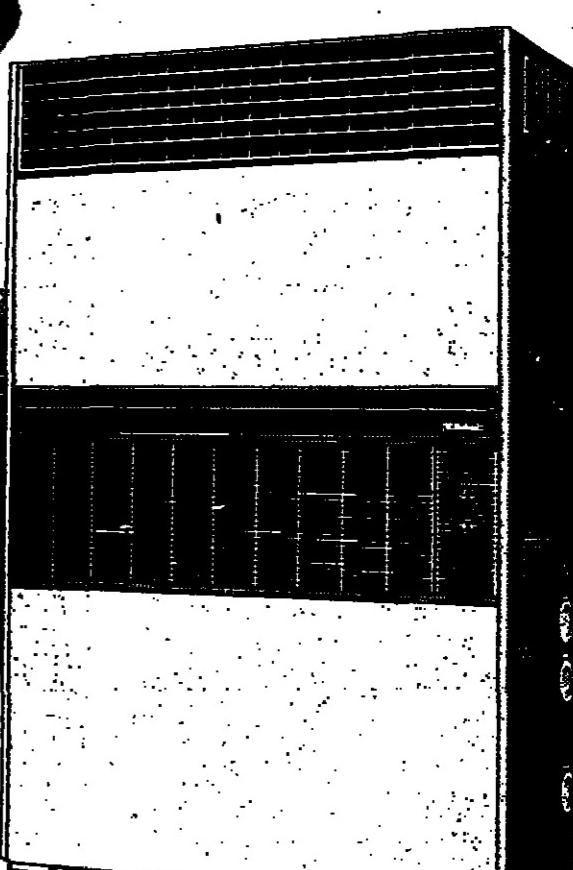
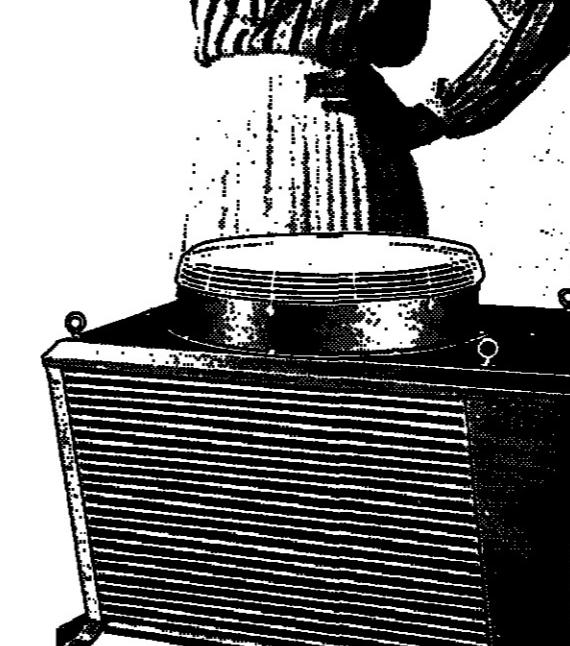
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Botha suggests laws forbidding interracial marriage may change

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 26 (AP) — Laws prohibiting interracial marriage — pillars of South Africa's apartheid policy — could be changed, Prime Minister Pieter Botha has suggested.

In a startling turnaround by the leader of the white-minority regime here, Botha became the first South African prime minister to question the Mixed Marriages and Immorality Acts.

Botha discussed both laws during a congress of the ruling National Party in Cape Town Tuesday. His remarks were published here Wednesday.

The prime minister skirted the issue of whether the laws should be scrapped entirely, saying only his government was open to suggestions for "improving" the legislation and said in his opinion mixed marriages were undesirable.

He told, however, that no law should be regarded as a "holy cow" and said that he would not

Eisenhower's widow seriously ill after stroke

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (R) — Mamie Eisenhower, widow of President Dwight Eisenhower, was in serious but stable condition Wednesday after suffering a

The 82-year-old former First Lady was rushed 130 kilometers to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington Tuesday after she was stricken at her farmhouse in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

"The stroke has affected some of the functions on the right side of her body. The permanency of these effects is not known at this time," the hospital said. It added that her condition was stable.

In Boston, Rose Kennedy, 89-year-old mother of Sen. Edward Kennedy, underwent a hernia operation here Wednesday and was in stable condition, a hospital spokesman said.

Mrs. Kennedy was brought to hospital Tuesday after complaining of nausea.

tolerate laws which insulted people in South Africa.

Botha's remarks, cautious as they were, shocked even critics of the regime's race segregation policies.

"It is remarkable that Mr. Botha is even thinking about this," said Kowie Marais, spokesman on justice matters for the Liberal Progressive Federal Party.

According to the *Rand Daily Mail*, a critic of apartheid, "highly placed government sources" indicated that legal groundwork was to be prepared to scrap all laws regulating social behavior on the basis of race.

"At all times," Botha told the congress, "we will consider positive suggestions about any act. There is no such thing as standing by a law whether it is good or bad."

While he reiterated that he personally opposed mixed marriages in South Africa, Botha declared, "I concede there is a problem where people really love each other and wanted to get married."

Both the Immorality Act and the Mixed Marriages Act have been cornerstones of the National Party, in government since 1948, to maintain the 4.5 million white minority's authority over the 19 million black majority.

The mixed Marriages Act became law in 1949 and prohibited marriage across the color line. Marriages between white South Africans and non-whites outside South Africa were declared null and void within the country, in an amendment to the act passed in 1968. This amendment meant that those mixed race couples married outside South Africa could be prosecuted under the Immorality Act if they returned here.

Whites wishing to marry non-whites have been forced to leave South Africa to avoid prosecution. While statistics regarding mixed marriages are extremely difficult to obtain, it is estimated that 10,000 persons have been prosecuted under the laws.



MOST WANTED TERRORIST : Prospero Gallinari, one of Italy's most wanted terrorists, lies in a hospital Tuesday night after he was wounded in a shootout with police in Rome and caught. Police announced that two more suspects were caught in the same area as the shooting with a large cache of arms.

More terrorist suspects arrested by Rome police

ROME, Sept. 26 (AP) — Police have reported the arrest of two men and a woman in an apartment filled with ammunition located in the same Rome area where a Red Brigades leader was seriously wounded in a shootout Monday.

The arrest of the three, whose names were not given, took place Tuesday during searches carried out for a man who escaped during the shootout with police. Police charged them with illegal arms possession.

The condition of Red Brigades leader Prospero Gallinari, wounded in the shootout, was slightly improved but still critical, hospital officials said.

In the same shootout a woman, Mara Nanni, wanted on terrorist charges, was arrested.

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The double killing brought the number of murders in Palermo this year to 49.

Judge Cesare Terranova, 58, and his police sergeant bodyguard Lenin Mancuso, 57, were shot outside the judge's home by two suspected Mafia killers as they were about to drive off to work.

"It looks as though the Mafia is beginning to use terrorist techniques," one police investigator said as he surveyed the bloody scene.

Terranova, who presided over a string of sensational Mafia trials, spent seven years in parliament between 1971 and 1978 as an independent Communist deputy.

There he became a leading figure in a government inquiry into the Mafia.

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U.N. official says malaria major killer

Children in Cambodia reportedly starving

BANGKOK, Sept. 26 (R) — A United Nations official who went into famine-stricken northwestern Cambodia last week says about 80 per cent of the children he saw were starving.

The official of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said in an interview Tuesday that there was obviously a very high infant mortality rate in the area, which is also rife with malaria.

"The first thing that strikes you is that there are few pregnant women, there are few mothers around, and few infants," said the man, who declined to be named.

He said many of the people he saw were slowly dying of malaria — "just lying down, couldn't move, couldn't walk, couldn't work."

His description of starvation and disease was a rare eyewitness account of conditions in northwestern Cambodia, which borders eastern Thailand.

The official said he saw between 8,000 and 9,000 Cambodians during his two-day trip, adding, "I have worked for the U.N. for 17 years and have hardly seen any group in greater need of food assistance than this group."

He was one of a three-man team from UNICEF and the International Red Cross which went into Cambodia to deliver 850 kilograms of food and medicine, provoking an angry protest from the Vietnamese-backed administration in Phnom Penh.

The Phnom Penh Foreign Ministry described the mission as "an extremely grave ill-intended act violating the sovereignty of the People's

Republic of Kampuchea."

But relief agency sources said Monday the two organizations — whose representatives are at present in Phnom Penh negotiating for a massive relief program — would continue to send aid to sick and starving Cambodians.

The UNICEF official said the mission took in about 11,000 rations for children, each ration for a child being 40 grams a day.

These would be used very sparingly and would not be eaten by

adults.

The team saw only about three or four children who were well nourished, the official said. Eighty per cent were in very bad shape and the rest were also in poor condition.

"I would say that more than two-thirds of the population (the team said) were affected by malaria, many to the extent where they were just lying down, couldn't move, couldn't walk, couldn't work," he said.

"Many of the people we saw

encountered people both in a very dense forest and in open plains. The incidence of malaria was particularly bad in the forests.

"We thought many mothers must have died in pregnancy, and he said he would be surprised if more than half of the infants reached the age of one year."

The official said the team

were dying slowly."

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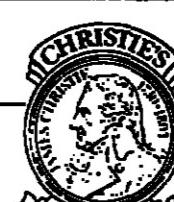
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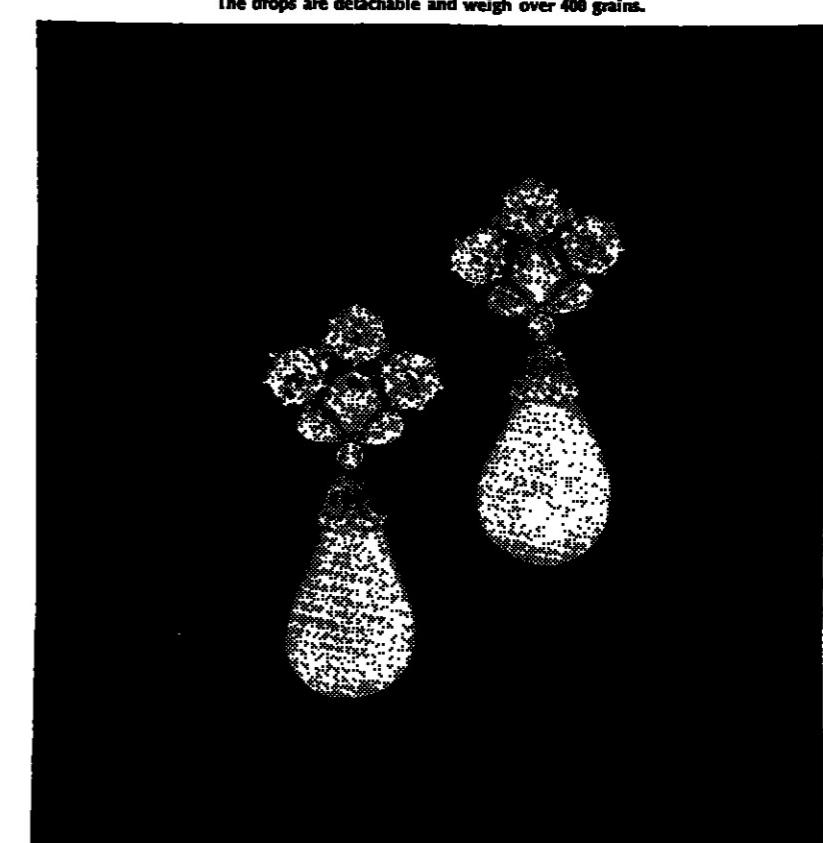


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Britain a problem Community and U.S. agree on oil quotas

PARIS, Sept. 26 (Agencies) — Lead, 3 European Common Market countries and the United States reached agreement Wednesday on how oil imports should be distributed among them to meet the community's overall target of no more than 472 million tons a year up to 1985.

The U.S. delegation, led by Energy Secretary Charles Duncan, demanded specific oil import ceilings for each European Common Market country, while the Europeans held out for more flexible targets.

Duncan and the ministers from Canada, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain and Italy agreed on the creation of a central record of international oil transactions, Common Market Energy Commissioner Guido Brunner announced.

Tankers
They were also to discuss a proposal that oil tankers carry documents showing the original purchase price of their cargoes, and the establishment of an international energy technology group.

But the central topic on the follow-up to the June Tokyo meeting of the leaders of the seven nations was a country-by-country breakdown of the 472 million-ton annual oil import limit pledged by the nine member states of the European Common Market.

Brunner told reporters the nine nations would stick to an oil import ceiling of 472 million tons annually from 1980 to 1985. He announced agreement on goals for

individual nations' imports for 1985, but left open the specific targets for the intervening years.

He said the 1985 target figures were: West Germany, 141 million; Italy, 124 million; France, 111 million; the Netherlands, 49 million; Belgium, 31 million; Denmark, 11 million; Ireland, 8 million; and Luxembourg, 2 million.

North Sea

Britain, which is a major producer from the North Sea, would be pledged to export 5 million tons in 1985, Brunner said.

Brunner said further study was needed on what to implement the decision to register international oil transactions on a monthly basis. He added the seven would seek "other tools" to give a clear picture of the world oil market.

French Industry Minister Andre Giraud said the results of the morning discussions were "very comforting."

Quotas

The four Common Market nations at the talks were believed ready to resist U.S. pressure for specific quotas. West Germany in particular has argued against exact quotas on the grounds that import levels should depend to some extent on economic growth.

Another crucial point is how to calculate British exports of North Sea oil to other market nations. The Europeans say the exports should not be counted in the 472 million-ton figure, but the Americans may contest this.

"North Sea oil is a big question mark," one senior U.S. official said.



INDUSTRIAL ACTION: Workers at the Shell refinery Rotterdam-Pernis meet outside the complete following a unanimous decision on industrial action by the unions. Pickets allowed key operatives through the plant gates for the shut-down refinery installations.

But selling halts advance Dollar gains slightly against yen

TOKYO, Sept. 26 (AP) — The dollar advanced hesitantly against the Japanese yen Tuesday and Wednesday, but its upward progress was halted at times by selling by speculators who found they had bought too much of the U.S. currency.

Wednesday's closing price here was 223 yen, after fluctuating in heavy trading, but still up from the 222.425 yen closing on Tuesday. Both figures were up from Friday's close of 221.375 yen. Monday was a holiday here.

The slight upward progress of the dollar was attributed by currency dealers here to the realignment of currency values by the European Monetary System over the weekend.

Tuesday the dollar had opened at 223.4 yen, reflecting the advances in Europe caused by the currency realignment, and later in the day climbed to a high of 223.7 yen.

But then, dealers said, operators who bought dollars in anticipation of a tight supply over the long weekend began selling.

Wednesday, however, it began to bounce back, and at the close was up almost two yen from Friday's level.

Government and Bank of Japan officials welcomed the European realignment, saying it would help stabilize the international money market.

but they expressed concern that a resulting stronger dollar could hurt Japan's economy since a weak yen will push up prices of imports, contributing to inflation.

Steady to firmer

In London, the dollar was steady to firmer against leading world currencies Wednesday, while gold bullion prices fell by about \$ 3 an ounce.

Mid-morning dollar rates in European financial centers compared with late Tuesday:

Frankfurt — 1.7690 West German marks, up from 1.7672. Zurich — 1.5761 Swiss francs, up from 1.5738.

Paris — 4.1570 French francs, unchanged.

Amsterdam — 1.9585 Dutch guilders down from 1.9610.

Rome — 809.40 Italian lire, up from 809.05.

In London, it took \$ 2.1673 to buy one pound sterling, a fall of nearly one cent in the dollar's value from Tuesday's late \$ 2.1590.

Tourists changing dollars in any of these countries pay a rate slightly higher than these interbank rates because of commission.

Gold opened in London at \$ 373.50 a troy ounce, down \$ 3 from Tuesday's closing \$ 376.50 and \$ 13.50 below its all-time peak of \$ 386 hit during last week's bullion buying boom.

The Zurich opening price was \$ 373, down from \$ 376.50.

Gold sovereigns

London bullion dealers said gold's lower price was thought to be the result of profit-taking.

Oil price fears

Market higher at close after negative display

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 — With a continuing fear of higher interest rates and higher price for oil, the market zig-zagged in negative territory and in the last hour of trading recovered its losses to close slightly higher. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average added .35 to 886.18, Dow Jones Industrial Transport lost .49 to 262.68, and Dow Jones Industrial Utilities fell .07 to 105.68. Volume of trading was 32.5 million shares. Breadth was on the negative side as declines led advances 859 to 592, and 446 issues unchanged. The American Exchange Index closed at 225.47. News at the close. Factory orders for durables rose a seasonally adjusted 0.8 per cent in August.

Growth and glances were mixed with JNJ up 1

to 75, Lilly off ½ to 58 ½, IBM rose ½ to 68 ½, Sperry fell ½ to 50 ½, Motorola advanced 1 ½ to 51

¾, Texas Inst. Rose 1 ¾ to 98 ¾, Polaroid up ½ to 29 ½, and Computerwize lost 1 to 37 ¾.

Despite the price dip, Metal Bulletin, the British metal trade journal, said this week that gold is now well entrenched as a vital part of investment portfolios.

Recognizing the metal's attraction, Britain's Royal Mint is reported to be making gold sovereigns for the first time in 42 years. An issue of 50,000 coins is planned at \$ 138 a piece, on sale in Britain and the United States.

The last time the Royal Mint issued gold sovereigns was to commemorate the coronation of King George VI in 1937.

The demand for precious metals to offset inflation and avoid the pitfalls of weak currencies, has sent the price of platinum, silver and other metals soaring on the London metal exchange.

Copper jumped to more than \$ 2,100 a metric ton Tuesday, a gain of nearly \$ 210 in the past week.

Platinum is trading at an all-time high of \$ 525 a troy ounce after a \$ 13.50 hike Tuesday.

Although not ruling out the possibility of a "surprise" some-

Except U.S. and Canada Move toward less dependence on OPEC by oil importers seen

CALGARY, Sept. 26 (AP) — Except for the United States and Canada, oil-importing countries are moving slowly to lessen their dependence on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, according to a recent study.

A survey of active drilling rigs presented at the recent World Petroleum Congress says oil exploration remains heavily concentrated in the United States, OPEC countries and to a lesser extent, Canada.

The survey, by F.R. Parra of Petroleos de Venezuela, found 1,578 drilling rigs active at the start of this year outside the communist world: 2,219 in the United States, 421 in OPEC countries and 241 in Canada.

That left 697 rigs in the rest of the non-communist world, including scores of developing countries that need relief from the costs of imported oil.

The Middle East
In geographic comparisons, Canada's total of 241 is higher than that for all of Africa (197), Western Europe (155), the Middle East (165) and the rest of Asia (186).

Except for the huge U.S. total, only Mexico's 174 rigs come close to Canada's effort on a national basis.

In addition to excluding centrally-planned economies, the figures also exclude rigs working over existing holes.

The worldwide total, Parra said, has been growing by an average of 63 rigs a year, with almost half that increase in OPEC countries.

That category covers a tiny fraction of current U.S. production. But by 1990, under the bill passed by the House newly discovered oil would account for 43 per cent of all U.S. oil covered by the tax.

The exemption would reduce by \$ 14 billion the \$ 104 billion that

more than 500,000 barrels each year.

Environmental restraints, hostility of some governments to foreign oil companies and the desire of other governments to stretch out their oil would all limit exploration and development of new oil fields.

Another speaker, John Roorda, Vice President of Shell Oil Co., said 500,000 barrels of daily capacity each year will not satisfy growing demand.

The industrialized countries alone, Roorda said, consumed 35 million barrels a day in 1975 and will consume 50 million to 55 million in 1990.

Senate overrules Carter on 'windfall-profits' tax

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (AP) — The House-passed bill is estimated to produce from 1980 through 1990. That figure already has been cut by \$ 5 billion to allow a major portion of U.S. oil production to escape the proposed "windfall-profits" tax.

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Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs.	Supply of Chlorine shots and power and other requirements for disinfecting water in municipalities.	1-1400/99	200	Nov. 10
Ministry of Education.	Supply of Mathematics instruments for 1979/1980.	2/T	50	Nov. 24
Ministry of Interior General Directorate of Traffic.	Supply of medical instruments for 1979-1980. (repeated for the first time).	3/T	300	Dec. 8
Northern Girls Education Directorate	Supply of laboratory requirements for science. (repeated for the first time).	5/T	50	Dec. 1
	Importing of car plates.	12-09/400	200	Oct. 6
	Renting a house for an intermediate school.	—	—	Oct. 2

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Pittsburgh overhauls Montreal

Angels take AL West championship

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (AP) — The California Angels clinched the American League's West Division championship Tuesday night with a 4-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals behind a pair of run-scoring singles by Brian Downing and the five-hit pitching of Frank Tanana.

The title was the first for the Angels in their 19-year history. California will face the East Division champion Baltimore Orioles in the best-of-five AL playoffs, which start at Baltimore next Wednesday night.

France, Italy dominate athletics

Italian high-jumper stars in Split

SPLIT, Yugoslavia, Sept. 26 (R) — France and Italy each took three athletics titles at the Mediterranean Games here with the star performance coming from Italian world record holder Sara Simeoni in the women's high jump event.

Simeoni was only three centimeters short of her 2.01 meters world mark as she finished ahead of compatriot Donatella Buffoni, who snatched the silver medal from Yugoslavia's Lidiya Benedetti. Bernarj Lamitic took the first of France's three golds when he won the men's triple jump with a games record leap of 16.90 meters. Milo Srejovic and Milan Spasovic, both of Yugoslavia, took the silver and bronze medals.

France's Eric Motti finished first in the decathlon with 7,744 points. He beat Yugoslavia's Darko Cujnaj and Josko Vlosic into the second and third places. The third French gold came from Francis Demarthon, who shattered the games record for the

Kansas City was AL West champion the past three seasons. Downing singled in the game's first run in the second inning, when the Angels scored three times to knock out loser Craig Chamberlain, 4-4.

In the National League, Pittsburgh climbed one-half game ahead of Montreal in the East Division race by beating the Expos 10-4 behind two home runs by veteran Willie Stargell.

Meanwhile, in the NL West, the Houston Astros moved within 1 1/2 games of first-place Cincinnati

by beating the Atlanta Braves while the Reds were dropping an 8-2 decision to the San Diego Padres.

Stargell and Ed Ott drove in three runs each for the Pirates.

The Houston Astros pounded out 19 hits in support of J.R. Richard, 17-13, who scattered four hits and struck out 13 to pass the 300-strikeout mark for the second consecutive season.

Dave Winfield and Kurt Bevacqua drove in two runs apiece as San Diego defeated Cincinnati. The Padres broke the game open

with five runs in the seventh inning, two on Winfield's third single of the night and two more on a double by Bevacqua.

The Chicago Cubs scored seven runs in the first inning and beat the New York Mets 11-3 in the opener of their doubleheader, but the Mets took the nightcap 4-3 on a run-scoring single by pinch-hitter Steve Henderson in the 10th inning.

In the American League, Ron LeFlore singled home the winning run in the ninth inning, as the Detroit Tigers beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-2.

The Toronto Blue Jays scored five unearned runs in the sixth inning and Dave Stieb scattered eight hits in a 5-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Brian Kingman's two-base throwing error and a wild pitch in the seventh inning gave the Texas Rangers a 5-3 victory over the Oakland A's.

Damaso Garcia drove in three runs as the New York Yankees defeated the Cleveland Indians 7-5.

Sixto Lezcano's two-run double in the eighth inning carried the Milwaukee Brewers to a 7-6 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

Claudell Washington had three hits and two RBIs, powering the Chicago White Sox to a 9-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

gia Troumbouki of Greece took the bronze medal.

Algeria's Abdul Rahman Mocell collected the men's 800 meters silver medal after Sotirios Moutsanas of Greece, who took the bronze.

Yugoslavia took two titles. Jelica Pavlicic convincingly won the women's 400 meters, and Dragan Zivotic set a men's 800 meters Games record of one minute 45.20 seconds.

Ana Gustin of Yugoslavia was second behind Pavlicic, and Geor-

Fleming seeks more glory in second California meet

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26 (AP) — Peter Fleming began his second serves from Milton to make the second set a quick one. He won on service breaks in the third and seventh games.

Fleming went into the tournament, the Transamerica Open, seeded sixth.

Top-seeded McEnroe drew a first-round bye and will meet David Schneider of South Africa Wednesday.

The first major upset came Tuesday when amateur Peter Renner beat third-seeded Brian Gottfried, 7-6, 7-4. He won the first set tiebreaker 7-2.

Poland's Wojciech Fibak, seeded fourth, trounced Trey Walkte, 6-1, 6-1, in another Tuesday first-round match.

Billy Martin beat second-seeded Roscoe Tanner, whose big serve failed him in the end, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, Tuesday night in the second major upset.

Martin, who joined the pro tour a few years ago after his freshman year at UCLA, lost the second set tiebreaker of the second round match by a decisive 7-2 score.

American League					
Baltimore	100	55	.645	—	
Milwaukee	92	64	.590	8	%
Boston	87	68	.561	13	
New York	84	71	.542	16	
Detroit	84	73	.535	17	
Cleveland	79	77	.508	21	%
Toronto	53	104	.338	47	

West					
California	87	71	.551	—	
Kansas City	82	76	.519	5	
Minnesota	81	76	.516	5	%
Texas	79	78	.505	7	%
Chicago	69	86	.445	10	%
Seattle	65	92	.414	21	%
Oakland	53	104	.338	35	%

National League					
East	—	—	—	—	
Pittsburgh	45	62	.505	—	
Montreal	45	62	.403	2	
N. Louis	85	1	.535	4	%
Philadelphia	81	77	.513	14	%
Chicago	79	79	.500	16	%
New York	58	99	.369	37	

West					
Cincinnati	88	69	.561	—	
Houston	87	71	.551	1	%
Los Angeles	77	80	.490	11	
San Francisco	69	88	.439	19	
San Diego	66	91	.420	22	
Atlanta	63	93	.404	24	%



TRAINING: Maurice Hope of London, in training for the fight Tuesday night in which he retained his WBC light middleweight title.

Pummels American Baker

Britain's Hope retains WBC crown

LONDON, Sept. 26 (R) — Maurice Hope of Britain pounded American challenger Mike Baker into defeat in the seventh round Tuesday night to retain his world light middle weight boxing championship with an impressive display of power.

The Antigua-born London fighter put Baker onto the canvas with a stunning left hook midway through the seventh round of a fight that he always dominated, and though Baker got up he was immediately pummeled into a defenseless hulk.

Referee Raymond Baldeyn of France stopped the World Boxing Council title fight at two minutes 30 seconds of the seventh.

It was Hope's first defense of the title he took from Italy's Rocky Mattioli in March.

It was the 28th win for Hope against only two early career losses — and a draw — and the style of his performance should put him in line for a lucrative defense against an American challenger of more stature than Baker.

The American, 27, was seventh rated by the WBC despite a spotty career.

He was never really in the battle as Hope took every round using his right hand lead effectively to open cuts under both Baker's eyes and to score heavily with his boomerang left hook.

Baker was cut as early as the second round and had only wild body swings in a bid to hold off Hope. At the start of the fifth Hope showed his power when he opened up with a smashing left hook that staggered the American. He cased Baker all over the ring for the three minutes, pounding punches to the head and body, but Baker held on until the bell.

Hope coasted the sixth before opening up again in the seventh and right from the beginning Baker was obviously too worn out to defend himself.

In Los Angeles, American Danny Lopez made a successful defense of his World Boxing

Ali to fight an old enemy

CHICAGO, Sept. 26 (R) — Muhammad Ali will get back into the ring here in November to settle an old score with the only boxer he fought and never beat, Kent Green.

He will fight Green, who beat Ali as an amateur 21 years ago, on Nov. 8 in a 10-round bout that is being billed as an exhibition.

Ali was 16-year-old Cassius Clay when Green knocked him out in a Golden Gloves Bout on Feb. 27, 1958.

"He's a man from the past and I'm going to whip him," Ali said. "I got back at Johnny Hamilton, who also beat me as an amateur, and I got back at Joe Frazier, Ken Norton and Leon Spinks."

Green, who at 39 is two years older than Ali, said he had been training for the last 22 months. "I've always believed I could beat Ali at any stage of his career."

Forest through in League Cup

LONDON, Sept. 26 (R) — European champions Nottingham Forest strode into the last 16 of the English Football League Cup with a 3-1 win at Middlesbrough, First Division rival, Tuesday night.

Southampton, which Forest beat to retain the League Cup last season, will not be at Wembley next spring. It fell 2-1 in London to Arsenal, which holds the older and better known Football Association Cup. Both cups confer on the winners a passport to European competition in the following season.

League champion Liverpool, facing a tough visit to Soviet Georgia in the European Cup next week, beat Third Division Chesterfield 3-1. David Fairclough and Footballer-of-the-year Kenny Dalglish gave it a two-goal half-time lead. England midfielder Terry McDermott scored the third.

The night brought deflation to crystal palace, London's latest First Division club. Alone unbeaten in the League, Palace led Wolverhampton, another pacemaker in the championship, at halftime. But Kenny Hibbitt hit the equalizer and Mel Eves added the killer goal.

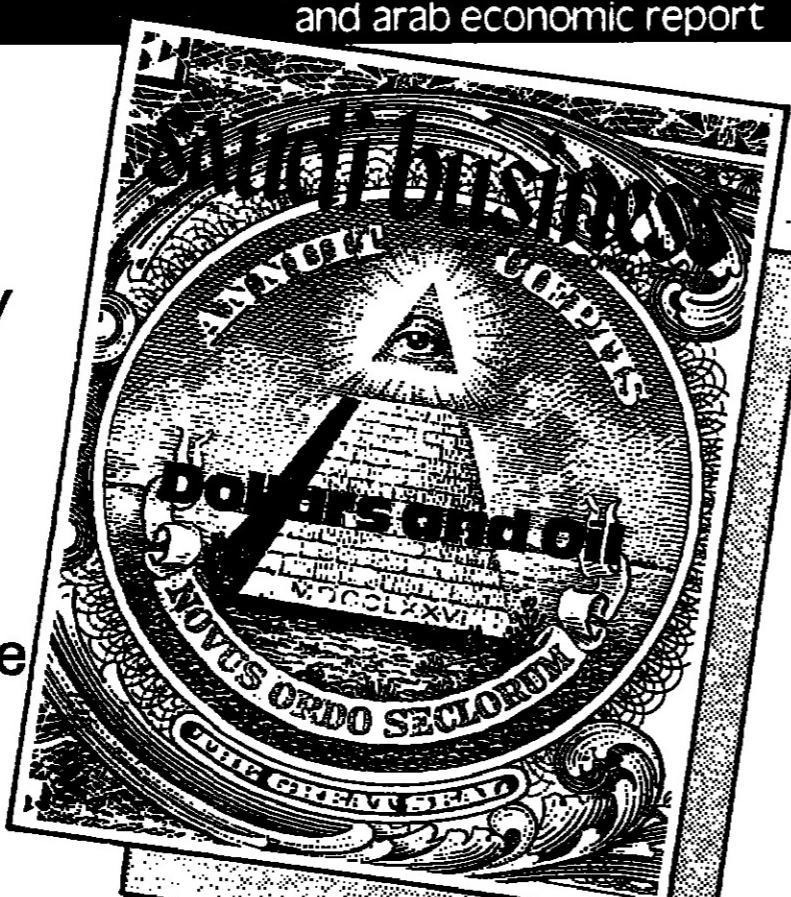
High-priced Mike Flanagan had put Palace ahead in the second minute and there were only 14 minutes left when Wolves drew level at two minutes. Eves remained when Eves scored. Both goals were created by John Richards, ex-England striker recently plagued by injury.

If Palace disappointed its 30,000 fans, the 34,000 who trekked to Highbury, at the other end of London, were content to see Arsenal's left-sided Irishman Liam Brady carve holes in the Southampton defense.

English League Cup Third Round					
Arsenal	2	Southampton	1	1	
Armen Villa	0	Everton	0	0	
Palace	1	Wolverhampton	1	1	
Grimsby	3	Notts County	1	1	
Liverpool	3	Chesterfield	1	1	
Middlesbrough	0	Queens Park	1	1	
Middlesbrough	1	Nottingham Forest	3	1	
Northampton	0	Brigton	0	0	
Plymouth	0	Wimbledon	0	0	
West Ham	1	Southend	0	0	

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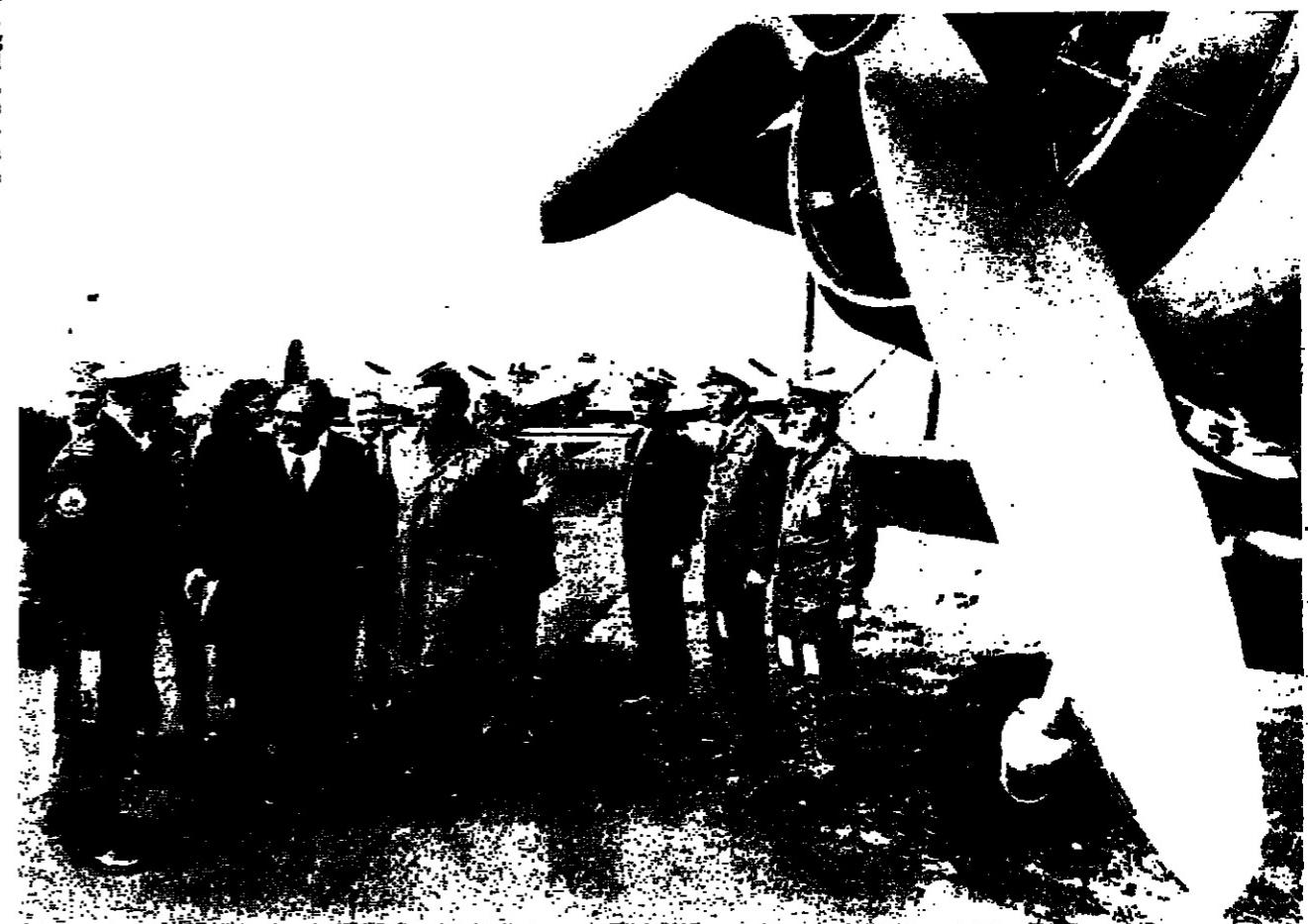
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AN EARLY START<br

King Hussein at Battle of Britain anniversary



The King stops to talk with some of the crowd. The little boy up on his dad's shoulders will always remember the day he met the Royal flyer.

One of the Royal few: King Hussein arrived at the famous World War II fighter airfield, Biggin Hill, piloting a helicopter. The King was the guest of honor and opened the Battle of Britain air display, the final event in this year's Battle of Britain celebrations. King Hussein is one of the few holding the honorary rank of Marshall of the Royal Air Force.



King Hussein meets some of the staff who maintain the collection of veteran planes at Biggin Hill. In the background can be seen one of the famous Wellington "Wimpy" bombers used by the Royal Air Force from 1938 to 1945.



Bi-planes of the Royal Jordanian aerobatic team in a demonstration loop over Biggin Hill.



A fully qualified and highly experienced aviator himself, the King waves "good luck" to the Falcon team.



Paul and Lynn Warsaw American instructors to the Royal Jordanian Falcon aerobatic team, were on hand to greet the King. Falcon pilots Jal Katah and Hamif Zumot are seen in the center of the picture.



The Royal party passes a Fairy Aviation "Swordfish" bi-plane — a front-line fighter-bomber of the British Royal Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm in the early part of WW II. The extremely successful "Swordfish," affectionately known as "old string-bag", figured prominently in the defense of the island of Malta G.C.

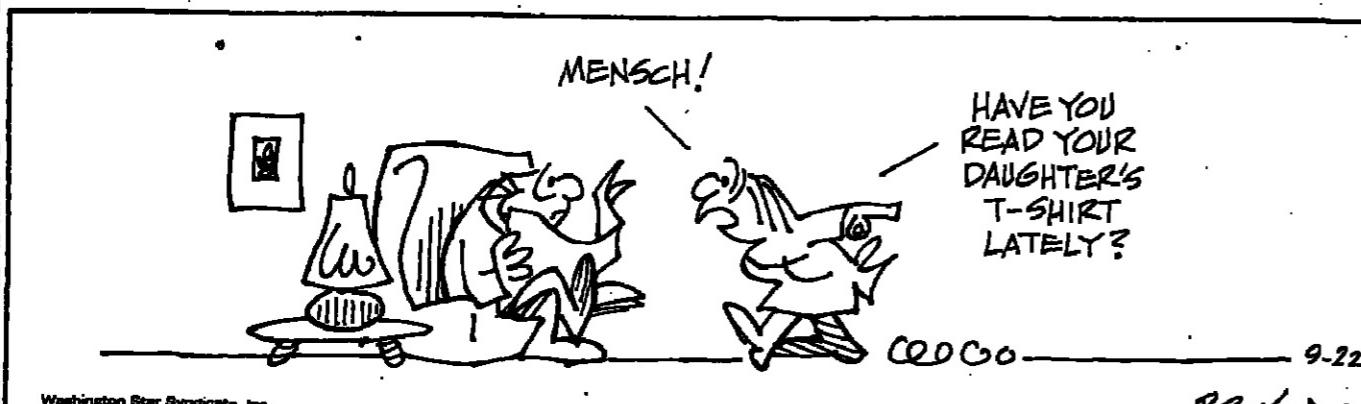
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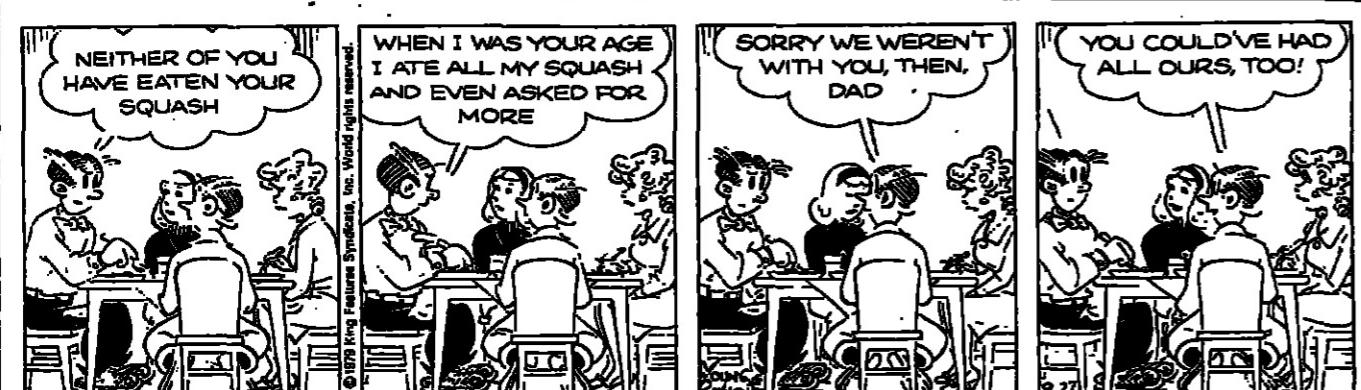
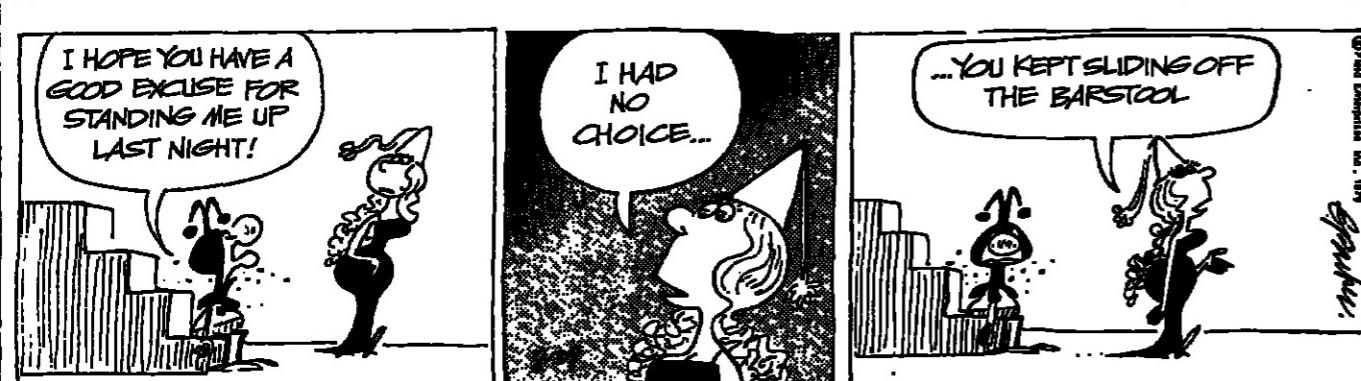
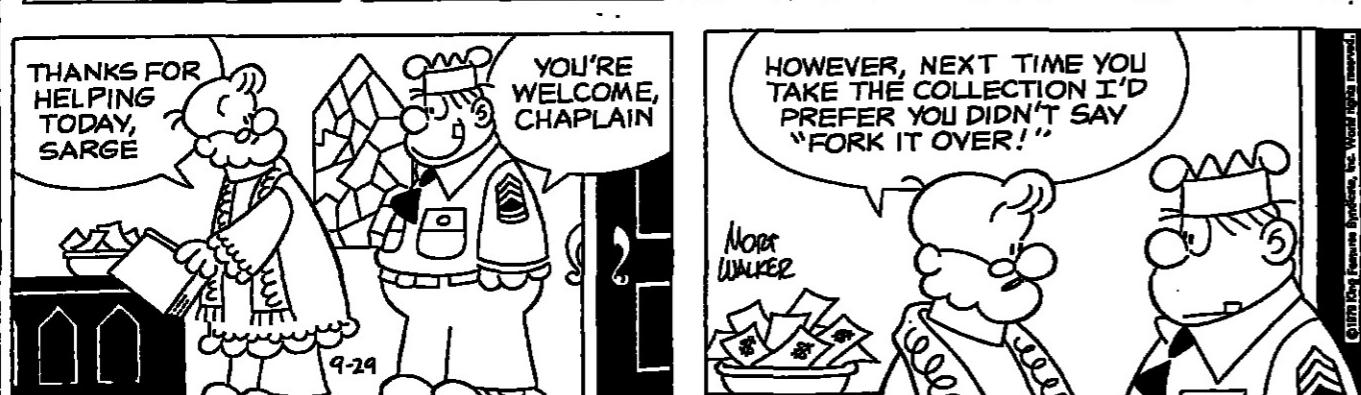
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food and I like junk food.
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A PLEASURE CRUISE
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T-SHIRT
LATELY?

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WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE
I ATE ALL MY SQUASH
AND EVEN ASKED FOR
MORESORRY WE WEREN'T
WITH YOU, THEN,
DADYOU COULD'VE HAD
ALL OURS, TOO!

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:58	6:16	12:19	3:42	6:16	7:46
Medina	4:59	6:13	12:21	3:46	6:17	7:47
Nejd	4:28	5:47	11:49	3:13	5:46	7:16

DHHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show
5:44 World Sportsman
6:13 Chico and the man
6:38 Most Wanted
7:28 Most Wanted
8:25 Lifeline
9:12 Second Run

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New Zealand Trout
Champs ain't Chumps
It's all done with
Mirrors
Ms. Wilson
Dr. Wilson
David Copperfield

WEATHER

General conditions will continue mild in most areas.
Temperatures are expected to rise above normal in the north-western region.

It will be humid in coastal areas.

North-westerly to north-easterly winds will be light to moderate.

Moderate to calm seas can be expected in all territorial waters.

Wednesday's temperature (Maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	40	29	Tabuk	35	20
Jeddah	36	28	Turif	35	18
Riyadh	40	21	Rafha	41	23
Dhahran	40	27	Bisha	35	18
Medina	41	26	Sulayl	39	21
Taif	33	19	Abha	27	16

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THURSDAY

Afternoon Transmission

- 1:00 Opening
- 1:01 The Holy Quran
- 1:03 Gems of Guidance
- 1:10 This Week's Landmark
- 1:20 Top of the Pops
- 1:50 Classical Music
- 2:20 On Islam
- 2:30 Jazz Music
- 3:00 NEWS
- 3:10 Press Review
- 3:20 Islam - THE Divine Truth
- 3:30 Leaps & Bounds
- 3:40 MUSIC
- 3:50 Close Down
- Evening Transmission
- 10:00 Opening

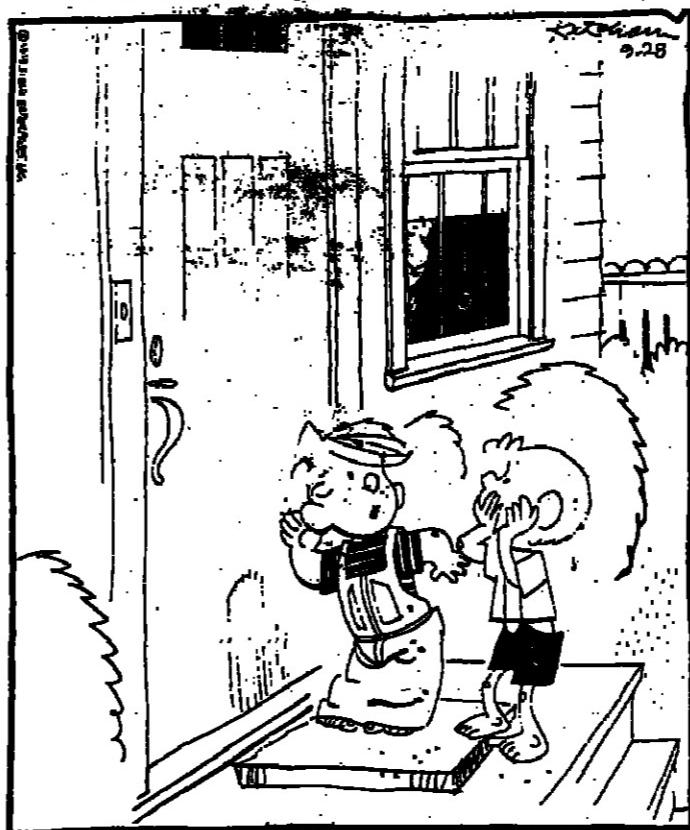
- 10:01 Message to the Faithful
- 10:05 Light Music
- 10:10 NEWS
- 10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
- 10:30 Music Worldwide
- 11:00 Youth Welfare
- 11:10 Music
- 11:15 The Evening Show
- 11:45 World of Guitar
- 12:00 Imp., Com. & Recollections
- 12:10 MUSIC
- 12:15 Nashville
- 12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
- 01:00 Close Down

VOA

P.M.

- 8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities; Opinion: Analyses
- 8:30 Dateline: News Summary
- 9:00 Special English: News: Feature: The Making of a Nation
- 9:30 Music USA: (Standards)
- 10:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities
- 10:05 Opening: Analyses
- 10:30 VOC Magazine: America: Science; Cultural; Letter
- 11:00 Special English: News
- 11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
- VOA WORLD REPORT
- Midnight
- 12:00 News newsmakers: voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses

Dennis the Menace

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South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH	+Q 8 5
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EAST	+Q 5 4 3
SOUTH	+Q 9 2
	+7 5 3

Declarer followed low from dummy, hoping that Schleifer had led from the J-9 of spades or from either one of them. But East won the trick with the nine of spades and shifted to a low club at trick two.

South made the normal play of the jack of clubs, which lost to West's queen. Now Schleifer barefacedly under-declared the A-K of spades again! Declarer covered West's four of spades with dummy's ten, thus losing the trick to East's jack.

East then played a third round of spades, partner leading Schleifer to his K-X. West next led a low club to his partner's ace and South went down two on a hand where practically all the other North-South declarers in notrump finished with either nine or ten tricks.

Schleifer's underlead of the A-K of spades at trick three was clearly the right play, since declarer was practically certain to misguess the actual situation. However, the play required both imagination and courage, and these are traits with which all experts are well-endowed.

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The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT			

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Screen
2 One of a
3 Today due
4 Dignity
5 Sweet
11 Haven
12 Chamber
13 Eye
14 Pupil: Fr.
15 French river
17 Dobbins mate
18 Balanced
19 Greek letter
20 Cagney film
21 Dolores
22 Above: poet
23 Piece:
24 Adjective
25 For Tim
27 — king
28 Shore
29 Tickled
30 Pink
31 Word
32 Amusing
33 Part of
34 Cravat
35 Fabric
36 Hedgehog
37 Wooden
38 French
lace core

DOWN
1 Clergy
2 Shining
3 In evidence
4 Movie
house: Sp.
5 — tribe
6 Part of COD
7 Part of
8 Worship
9 Appraised
10 Building
11 Doctor
12 M.D.'s course
13 Capital
body: abbr.
14 Poet
15 Adverb
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Frances Drake
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What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Others seek your advice on many topics. Be tactful with children. A co-worker may not listen, but close allies are truly supportive.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You may be concerned about the dating habits of a teen-ager. Business requires the personal touch. Accent charm over self-assertion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Excellent trends exist for romantic introductions. Stay clear of ideological disputes. A superior may be downcast.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Private career talk goes well. Don't be so glib about a distant matter or person. Trust intuition re phone calls and writing letters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) The social scene is lively, but be careful not to hurt the feelings of a close one. There's romance in connection with travel. Stay in touch.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Capitalize on favorable career trends. A co-worker could be competitive. Help on a joint shopping trip will improve the disposition of a

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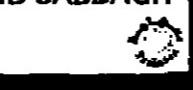
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On The Loose

By Michael J. Hall

A wee gripe has surfaced among the lounge lizards who hang out most nights at Jeddah's Menden Hotel.

They're very thankful, mind you, of management's generosity in installing a closed-circuit television screen hooked into the hotel's system in the lobby for the use of coffee and tea sippers.

The 12 or 14 riyals they spend on coffee and a pastry is well worth the opportunity to watch television shows from the States on the hotel's system, and in any case it sure beats shelling out the thousands necessary to buy a home video system.

I'm an occasional patron there myself, and certainly can't complain too strenuously about the hotel's service.

But there is one minor matter. Those of us who watch TV there regularly have gotten used to the fact that programs are only changed once a month.

Guests staying in the hotel rarely inhabit their rooms for more than a week at a time, and the monthly shipment of TV films is usually sufficient to last a week without repeats. And we can't very well expect management to buy more films just for the few in the lobby.

But recently they went too far, albeit inadvertently. A new man was hired to run the closed circuit system, and as his first act, he carefully bundled up and sent off a load of old films.

Correction. He carefully bundled up and sent off a load of brand new films, sticking lounge lizards and guests alike with two solid months of the same Kojak show.

"I've seen it so often now that I've not only got Telly Savalas' part memorized, but also those of the minor characters," one habuite told me last week.

I have nothing against Kojak, understand, but enough is enough.

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It's been suggested by some fellow sufferers that I devote a column to telephone service in Jeddah. Or not exactly service, since everybody knows the Kingdom is half-way through its telephone expansion program and there are bounds to be a few problems along the way.

The problem isn't service, it's what happens when you finally get through on a phone call. Often the response will be, instead of the name of the organization or person you're calling, "M' en ta," or roughly translated, "who is this?"

It's all very well to ask you to identify yourself, but first they ought to at least let you know whether you've gotten through to the right number.

Nominations for the worst (and best) telephone manners are hereby solicited. I've got some ideas of my own, but let's hear from readers first and see if this is as common a complaint as I suspect it is.

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From Brussels comes the story of the motorist who is glad he gave a lift to a professional pickpocket.

The motorist, flagged down by police on an expressway for going too fast, finally convinced the cops not to haul him off to jail. But they did give him a speeding ticket.

As he got underway, his hitchhiker turned and told him not to worry. He'd picked the ticket book from the policeman's pocket.

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And the definitive word on flying saucers came across my desk this week. They're a Russian invention, of course, just like baseball and pizza pies.

Researchers at the Soviet Academy of Sciences reported during the week that they've been able to create UFOs in their laboratories.

Their theory is that the flying saucers are just disc-shaped accumulations of dust and water caused by turbulence in the air. And they said they think the increasing frequency of sightings is due to the increase in air pollution.

Sounds logical to me. But I know there are a lot of people out there who just aren't going to buy it at all.

Senators hit back Gromyko blasts U.S. on Cuba troops issue

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 26 (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, in a scathing attack on the United States, suggested Tuesday that the dispute over Russian troops in Cuba is an artificial one.

Gromyko's exceptionally strong statement, in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, underscored what U.S. sources said was a lack of progress in Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's negotiations with Gromyko over the troops.

Gromyko did not specifically mention the troops issue in his speech to the Assembly. But it seemed clearly on his mind as he lamented that "all sorts of falsehoods are being piled up concerning the policies on Cuba and the Soviet Union."

The veteran diplomat said the two Communist states were the target of a propaganda campaign. "Our advice on this score is simple," he said.

Gromyko's remarks appeared to represent a flat Soviet rejection of U.S. charges that the Russian troops impinge on U.S. security interests.

"The Soviet Union and other countries of the Socialist community have never threatened anybody, nor are they threatening anybody now," he said.

Gromyko then went on to declare that "noninterference in the affairs of others" is

a basic principle of U.S.-Soviet relations. "We shall not allow anybody to meddle in our internal affairs," he said.

According to U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified, the Soviets are taking a similar hard line in the negotiations with Vance.

The officials said the Russians would not give ground on the troops despite U.S. warnings that the SALT II treaty could fail to win ratification in the Senate as a result.

The negotiations, now in their third week, appear to be approaching a stalemate. However, Vance and Gromyko have scheduled another meeting here on Thursday.

If the Soviets do not offer concessions over the 2,000 to 3,000 troops then, the U.S. sources said, prospects for ratification by the end of the year will be extremely dim.

Gromyko told the assembly that the Soviet Union wanted "normal and, what is more, friendly relations with the United States." But he said that required observance of "the principles of peaceful coexistence and noninterference in the affairs of others."

Vance also took a tough line in his address to the 152-nation assembly on Monday. He said that the East-West relationship "can deteriorate dangerously whenever one side fails to respect the security interests of the other."

In the negotiations, the United States has not threatened retaliation. But Carter administration officials have used "leaks" to the news media to get their point across.

Options reported in those accounts range from U.S. economic measures to encouraging the West European allies to provide China with arms.

In Washington Tuesday, Sen. Frank Church, chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, recommended that the panel delay sending the SALT II treaty to the Senate until something is done about Soviet troops in Cuba.

Church was reacting to the United Nations speech by Gromyko. Other senators also reacted strongly to



DISAGREEMENT: Secretary of State Cyrus Vance held talks Monday with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on the issue of Soviet combat troops in Cuba. But neither side apparently is willing to budge from its position, and Tuesday Gromyko bitterly attacked the

(AP photo)

Gromyko's speech.

"I'm astonished," said Republican Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee. "There is simply no basis for doubt that the Russians have a fully equipped, fully manned combat brigade in Cuba. There's simply no doubt about it."

Baker called on President Jimmy Carter to release to the public the evidence showing the presence of the Soviet troops in Cuba.

Senator Henry Jackson called Gromyko's statement "a bald-faced lie" adding that "the SALT process has been put on ice for an indefinite period."



Senator Kennedy



President Carter

Carter made a statement that seemed intended to resurrect memories of the incident without any direct reference.

"We've had some crises where it required a steady hand, a careful and deliberative decision to be made," he told his Queens audience.

"I don't think I panicked in the crisis."

The president was generally well-received at Queens Community College, where he appeared before a mixed audience of students and older citizens, many of them wearing the traditional Jewish Yarmulke.

Earlier, Carter mingled at a Manhattan reception with Democratic stalwarts who are not all in his corner.

Howard Samuels, a one-time aspirant for New York governor and a Carter fund-raiser, told reporters "it's been tough" raising money for the president.

"Kennedy looks strong, but that can change," said Samuels. He said Carter's big

Soviets said using U.N. as spy base

LONDON, Sept. 26 (AP) — The Soviet Union considers the United Nations' tallest observation tower in the Western world, and almost all the Soviet professionals employed by the U.N. are spies, defected Russian former U.N. official Arkady Shevchenko said in a British television program.

Shevchenko, interviewed on the British Broadcasting Corp.'s "panorama" program Monday, claimed a Russian special assistant to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim is a professional officer of the KGB, the Soviet equivalent of the American CIA.

The ex-Undersecretary General for Political Affairs also named Geli Dneprovsky, recently appointed chief of personnel at the U.N.'s Geneva headquarters, as a high-level KGB officer. Britain and other Western delegations tried to block his appointment, but it was put through anyway under Soviet pressure, the program reported.

"I would say it would be a fair guess it would be the minimum that half are KGB or GRU officers," he said. GRU is Soviet military intelligence.

"I do not think they have very many posts at a very high level," Shevchenko said. "Most of those which they have are in medium level posts or junior posts."

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Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Many readers must have had experiences of those spoilt children of one's friends — the apple of their doting parents' eye and an unimaginable bore and nuisance for all others.

The parents might be the most educated and cultivated of people. You would gladly defer to their views on most matters. Except that is, on the matter of the fundamental importance they attach to the meticulous cataloguing and recounting of each darling escapade the little one has made, together with each new gesture or word he or she has learned.

Invited to their house — a haven of gentle, clever and meandering talk, or so you seem dimly to recall, before the arrival of their child on the scene — you go there with trepidation. No sooner than you arrive and exchange the usual pleasantries than your worst fears are confirmed. The infant is wheeled in, and anxious eyes watch you, almost pleading for the effusive praise you then feel bound to give.

The child is then placed center stage, and the parents start coaxing, may pleading with it at length to say something anything. You venture that perhaps the poor darling is tired and wants to go to bed. You put this in the most diplomatic of terms, knowing how touchy such parents are. But no. You simply have to listen to the latest song the child has learned.

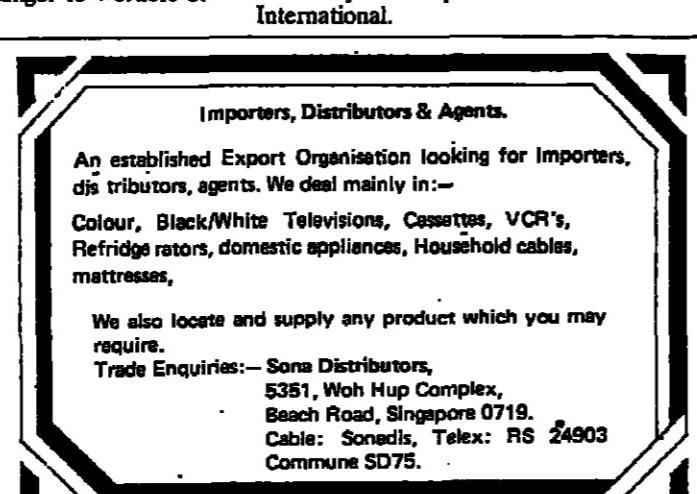
Finally, with many a coy show of reluctance, the infant Caruso (or Abdul Halim Hafez in this case) begins his song, and your hair stands on end. The child has a diamond-on-glass screach and no sense of tune. You counter bickapping and cooing and aching before he finally murders the song. He stops, bewildered, and you think that is that.

But, "wait until you see him dance," the parents shout. This time the child agrees immediately. You could swear there is a glint in its eye, and soon you know the reason. He starts jumping up and down like a distraught monkey. Suddenly he lands on your foot almost breaking a toe. As you stifle a scream of pain you see his triumphant glance. The innocent lad had just paid you for stopping the flow of his song.

He now sits demurely in a corner, his "treat" for having entertained the guests that evening. The parents think it is time to tell more stories of his deeds and accomplishments. Each story has to be punctuated with admiring and surprised noises from you, with many a "What do you expect, with such parents as he has."

The little genius by now has become bored, and moved to flinging toys around the room and on guests' heads. As you make your excuses to leave he is brought forward to shake your hand. He does so leaving in your palm half of the squashed cream cake he was eating in the meanwhile. For not taking your broken to sportingly enough, his looks tell you.

Your wife says gamely as you drive home, "what a lovely child." Heatedly, you deny the fact. None, you vehemently assert, as lovely as your own little one. Not half as clever musically or in dance...



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